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TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

MARKED BRITISH ACTIVITY ON WESTERN FRONT.

HOW THE IRISH SAVED THE SITUATION IN MACEDONIA.

The Wonderful Boom in Recruiting Continues.

SETTLEMENT OF GREEK PROBLEM PRACTICALLY ATTAINED.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENTS.

December 12, 4.25 p.m.

A Paris communique states that there is nothing to report.

BRITISH OPERATIONS SUMMARISED.

December 13, 1.00 a.m.

Field Marshal Sir John French reports that sixteen aeroplanes bombed a store depot at Miraumont and an aerodrome heavily. Both objectives are believed to have been considerably damaged.

Our artillery continued the bombardment of the enemy's lines, breaching the parapet in several places.

Our artillery started a fire yesterday in Cite St. Elie which was still burning in the afternoon.

A small party of bombers entered a strongly-held German trench near Neuve Chapelle, destroying a machine-gun and disabling a number of the enemy. Our party had only four wounded.

The weather is most stormy and wet.

LIVELY FIGHTING IN BELGIUM.

December 13, 2.00 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that a communique reports lively fighting with trench-guns in Belgium, in which the enemy was silenced.

GERMANS BOMB BRITISH STEAMER.

December 13, 2.05 a.m.

A Paris communique states that a British cargo steamer, stranded on the Belgian coast, was attacked by three German hydroplanes, which dropped bombs on her. Several Allied aeroplanes hastened to the spot and drove off the Germans while French torpedo-boats towed off the steamer under fire of a German battery.

THE BALKANS.

MORE BRITISH TROOPS LAND.

December 12, 4.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that there were further landings of British troops on Friday.

The fog continues to be most unusually heavy.

THE ALLIES' DECISION.

December 12, 7.35. p.m.

Reuter learns that it is beyond doubt that the Allies have decided not to withdraw from Salonica.

PARTIAL GREEK DEMOBILISATION.

December 12, 3.95 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens the newspapers announce that a partial demobilisation is seriously considered, as well as the reduction of the force under arms by one-half.

A DEFINITE SETTLEMENT.

December 12, 9.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens says it is semi-officially stated that a definite settlement of the situation has practically been attained.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

INDIA'S LOYALTY.

A NATIVE EDITOR'S DECLARATION.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that a large gathering was addressed by Mr. Rostum Rostumjee, a Bombay editor, who was introduced by H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught.

Mr. Rostum Rostumjee expressed pride at the grand part India is playing in the world crisis and declared that the people are loyal to a man. He characterised as Teutonic inventions the stories of sedition, and graphically described engagements participated in by Indian troops, in sacrifices made by native Princes to the cause of Empire.

The speaker was given a hearty vote of thanks.

THE RECRUITING BOOM.

A MIRACULOUS RESPONSE.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Yesterday and Friday there were such crowds at the recruiting offices that, despite the opening of scores of extra offices throughout the country, it was completely impossible to deal with the thousands who waited for hours in long queues in the rain. Consequently, the time limit of Lord Derby's scheme has been extended to midnight to-night.

If it is still impossible to cope with the rush, simply the names of the applicants will be taken and they will be allowed to attest till Wednesday.

"LIKE A MIRACLE."

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Mr. J. O'Grady, Labour M.P. for North Leeds, and a member of Lord Derby's Committee, in the course of an interview said he was convinced that something like a miracle had been accomplished. When Lord Derby's Report was presented it would be found that the nation had never risen to the occasion to such an extent at any time in its history.

MINISTER ENLISTS.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Mr. A. H. D. R. Steel-Maitland, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, has enlisted.

THE KING'S EXAMPLE.

December 12 1.35 p.m.

Concerning the group system, His Majesty the King has again set an example. In a message issued from Windsor last evening, he announces that a great number of Royal servants have enlisted long ago, and, in compliance with His Majesty's wishes, all eligibles in the Royal service have been attested and placed in their respective groups.

THE ANCONA NOTE.

AMERICA SPEAKS OUT TO AUSTRIA.

December 12, 7.20 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the Note to Austria regarding the sinking of the Ancona insists on a prompt disavowal of the act and reparation for the deed. It emphasises that the liner was shelled and torpedoed while there were many passengers yet aboard and thus Americans were killed. It says the commander of the submarine violated international law and committed wanton slaughter of defenceless non-combatants, since the liner was not attempting to escape.

The United States, says the Note, is unwilling to believe that Austria permits her submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children; it prefers to believe that the commander committed the outrage without authority.

THE ITALIANS.

AUSTRIAN ADMISSIONS.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

An Austrian communique admits that the Austrians have been forced to retire from Monisvies, beween the Chiese and Concei valleys, and that fighting has been resumed near Goritz.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

BRITISH FIGHT GALLANTLY WHILE RETIRING.

December 12, 10.40 p.m.

The War Office reports that after violent attacks by the enemy in overwhelming numbers, the 10th Division succeeded, with the help of reinforcements, in retiring to a strong position from Lake Doiran westward to the Vardar valley, in conjunction with an Allies' Division.

It is reported that they fought well against very heavy odds, and that it was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Munsters, Dublins and Connaughts, that the withdrawal was successfully accomplished.

Owing to the mountainous nature of the country, it was necessary to place eight field-guns, for purposes of defence, in a position from whence it was impossible to withdraw them when the retirement was effected. Our casualties were about 1,500.

ALLIES STILL RETREATING.

December 123, 2.05 p.m.

A Paris communique states that the Allies continue to retreat in the Balkans. Several Bulgarian attacks were repulsed on the 11th and 12th inst.

TO-DAY'S LATEST WAR TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH ARMIES.

AN APPOINTMENT EXPLAINED.

December 12, 4.50 a.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, an official Note with reference to the appointment of General Castelnau as Chief-of-Staff says the present war has proved that a single command is more than ever necessary when several Allied Armies have to concert their views in order to adopt a single plan applicable to all theatres of the operations. Hence the recent Decrees whereby General Joffre is entrusted with the supreme direction of our Armies on all fronts. General Joffre, by virtue of a Decree of October, 1913, providing for the appointment of a Chief-of-Staff, selected General Castelnau for the post.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

UNEASINESS FELT IN HOLLAND.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam states that uneasiness at Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg's speech has been caused in Holland, where the general view is that Holland's independence depends on Belgium's.

The uneasiness is voiced by the *Handelsblad*, which say the speech means that Germany will not listen to the complete restitution of Belgian independence, and that the only peace she contemplates is one whereby no country will be able to attack her. The journal says this is a strange kind of defensive war. It adds that it is convinced that Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg will later recognise his mistake, but at present peace is more remote than ever.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DISSENSIONS.

AUSTRIANS HAUL DOWN HUNGARIAN FLAG.

December 12, 1.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says Austro-Hungarian dissensions over the administration of occupied territories is accentuated by rumours from Budapest that the Austrian commander has removed the Hungarian standard at Belgrade.

The matter was the subject of an interpellation in the Diet, when the Premier expressed the opinion that the Austrians ought to administer Russian Poland and the Hungarians Serbia.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on the Extra].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

ALLIES HEROIC FIGHT AGAINST GREAT ODDS.

December 11, 3.00 p.m.

Despatches from Macedonia show that the Allies have been fighting most heroically against an enemy four times outnumbering them. The Bulgarians attacked in four divisions, one from the east. Admirable artillery work counter-balanced the inferiority of the British numbers. The small town of Doiran is the pivot of the fighting, of which the British have borne the brunt. There was an especially splendid fight in the mountains between Strumnitza and Valandovo, where the Bulgarians, in trying to separate the British and French forces, pierced the French first line. The French, reforming on the second line, counter-attacked and not merely re-captured the positions but compelled the Bulgarians to retreat. The object of the enemy, apparently, was to encircle the British positions and penetrate Greek territory, but the splendid British defence foiled the enveloping plan.

BULGARIANS ATTACK FRENCH FRONT.

December 12, 1.30 a.m.

The Paris communique says the Bulgarians on Friday attacked on almost the whole French front, the principal effort being made against the left. All the attacks failed.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

A VESSEL TWICE SUBMARINED.

December 11, 3.50 p.m.

A telegram from Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that the Greek steamer Goulandris, bound for England, was torpedoed by a German submarine when 150 miles from Alexandria. The crew escaped in their boats, which were towed some distance by the submarine. They were eventually taken on board a British steamer, which was also torpedoed by the same submarine. The crews took the boats and were picked up by a second British steamer and taken to Alexandria.

GERMAN CRUISER RAMS GERMAN SUBMARINE.

December 11, 3.50 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen telegraphs that while the papers of a schooner which had been stopped in the Baltic by a German submarine were being investigated a German cruiser came up to ascertain whether the submarine was British. A heavy sea drove the cruiser across the bows of the submarine which were broken in, while the cruiser was holed seriously.

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TELEGRAMS

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

OBITUARY.

Lord Ellenborough.

London. Received. December 12.

The death is announced of Lord Ellenborough, who was well-known in his earlier years as Commander Edward Downes Law, R.N.

[Deceased was the 5th holder of the title, the 1st Baron being for many years Lord Chief Justice. The 2nd Baron was Governor General of India. Lord Ellenborough, who was born in 1841, was educated at Charterhouse, and served in the Russian War, the Chinese War of 1857—60, and the Ashanti War of 1873. He he was author of several publications on nautical subjects. His heir is Lieut.-Col. C. H. Law, C. B.]

Mr. Joseph Ezra.

London. Received. December 12.

The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Ezra, the senior partner in the well-known Calcutta firm of that name. In its obituary notice, the *Times* testifies to his wide philanthropy, and to his hospitality and kindness to Indian soldiers.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CONDENSED.

Further British troops were landed at Salonica on Friday.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg's speech has created uneasiness in Holland.

The British casualties in the fighting with the Bulgarians were about 1,500.

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In the British engagement with the Bulgarians, it was necessary to place eight field-guns in a position from whence it was impossible to remove them when the retirement was effected.

The War office reports that it was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Munsters, Dublins and Connaughts, that the British withdrawal in the fighting with the Bulgarians was successfully accomplished.

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TO-DAY.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.

Thursday, December 16.

Stone-laying Mongkoktsai Harbour of Refuge:—4.30 p.m.

Saturday, December 18.

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., Extraordinary General Meeting:—Noon.

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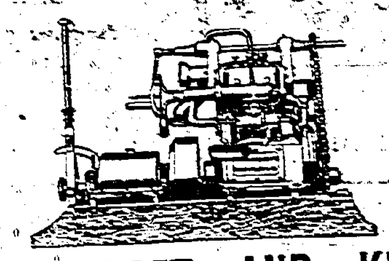

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Daily Press.

The Recent Election.

The result of the election of a representative of the Chamber of Commerce to the Legislative Council conveys to the Government an unmistakable message which, it is to be hoped, they will not disregard. Coming so soon after the Licensing Board controversy, it is invested with a peculiar significance. The truth is that the public are becoming impatient of official dominance, and it was this feeling, we believe, which was expressed in Friday afternoon's proceedings. We cannot, in the circumstances, conceive a more unfortunate recommendation than that with which the unsuccessful candidate was presented to the meeting. "He will not support injudicious opposition to the Government, which might only lead to needless strife," said his proposer.

China Mail.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg's Speech.

The opening of the Reichstag, according to the telegrams to hand, was characterised by the delivery of another of the kind of speeches with which we are now quite familiar when Germany's Imperial Chancellor expounds his country's policy and attitude with reference to the war. It was "noteworthy," we read, "for its outburst of hatred and rage against England," in which the Chancellor apparently was "unable to conceal his uneasiness at the continuance of the war." Against those who are getting the better of us in rivalry of any kind, especially of a very serious kind, such as war, it is always very difficult for even the most philosophic to refrain from saying at least unpleasant things. To us the German Imperial Chancellor appears to be neither philosophic nor truthful, else why should he express himself so violently and so "inaccurately" with regard to England?

Yacht Designer's Death.

Mr. Michael Ratsey, formerly of Cowes, whose death at Kingston-on-Thames is announced, was one of the leading British yacht designers and builders, and built the first British challenger for the America Cup, and the schooner Cambria, which won the ocean race from Queenstown to New York, defeating Mr. James Gordon Bennett's schooner Dauntless.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Industrial Home at Patan.

An Industrial Home for helpless women and widows named after Her Highness the Chimnabai Saheb Maharani Gaekwar of Baroda was opened on November 1st at Patan.

Funds for Chinese Militia.

The Governor of Kueichow has submitted to the Government a report on the raising of funds for the maintenance of local militias all over his province, and a set of regulations controlling the militia system. They have been passed by the Ministries of Interior and Finance.

In Memory of Admiral Tseng.

On the recommendation of the Minister of the Navy a tablet to Admiral Tseng will be placed beside those of the military heroes Kwang-Yu and Yuen-Fei in the Temple of War. It is understood that Admiral Tseng's family has declined the offer of a national burial preferring that the body of the late admiral be interred in the family burial ground.

Taxi Cab Strike in Calcutta.

Calcutta, November 3.—In connection with the taxi-cab strike, six Europeans were arrested on Tuesday night by Superintendent Farrow of Police Traffic Branch, Calcutta. They were released on bail on their own recognisance for Rs. 500. The object of the arrests was to prevent offences in the nature of intimidation.

Foreign Post Offices in China.

The Chinese Ministry of the Interior, says a Peking paper, has given instructions to the provincial authorities that investigations should be made into the foreign post offices in the interior so as to enforce the abolition of such institutions; because China has already joined the International Postal Union there is no need for foreign postal institutions inland.

Canadian Women and Miss Cavell.

Montreal, October 25.—Canadian women's organisations are conferring to-day upon a plan for joining for the collection of subscriptions towards the memorial to be erected to Miss Cavell, whose execution has stirred the Dominion more than any incident since the war began. Canadian schoolchildren have been told the story of her heroism, and it is expected that they will raise a memorial fund.

Swiss Electrical Factories and U.S.

A group of sixty-four Swiss electrical factories has placed its second order in the United States for electrolytic copper. The first order was for 850 tons, and this has been consumed. The present order is for 600 tons. Additional orders, it is stated, also will be placed in America. Germany formerly supplied Switzerland with this metal. The prospect that Germany would restrict the exportation of coal has caused the Swiss to turn to the use of electricity on a larger scale.

Indian Medical Bill.

Madras, November 2.—The Council of the Madras Presidency Muslim League at their meeting on Monday resolved to protest against the Indian Medical (Bogus Degrees) Bill on the ground that it will interfere with all private efforts at the dissemination of knowledge of Western systems of medicine in this country. The number of doctors produced by the recognised medical colleges in India is not enough to meet the requirements of the population and private agencies which attempt to train medical practitioners should be encouraged. All that is necessary is to prevent them from granting such degrees as are colourable imitations of those granted by the Universities in India.

Chilian Minister's Death in Japan.

The funeral service of the late Chilian Minister, who died at Kyoto recently, took place at the Catholic Church, Tsukiji, Tokyo, on November 25. Among those who were present at the service were representatives of the Emperor and Empress, the British, Russian, French, and the United States Ambassadors, and other notable people, about 300 in all. There was a large number of floral tributes, among which were wreaths from their Majesties. Squads of cavalry acted as guards of honour. At the conclusion of the service the coffin was taken to the railway station and sent to Yokohama for shipment home.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Malay Volunteer Company.

The Governor of the F.M.S. has authorised the formation in Province Wellesley of a Malay Company of one hundred men to be attached to the Penang Volunteer Infantry.

Malacca's Aeroplane.

The Hon. Dr. Lim Boon Keng announces that a telegram has been received from Malacca stating that the whole sum of £1,500 required to purchase a Malacca aeroplane has now been subscribed.

Military Aviation.

The Board of General Staff has decided to select a number of graduates from the Nan-yuan Aviation School to organise a flying corps early next year. Buildings in the vicinity of Nan-Yuan are being elected for the purpose.

Waterloo Medals Sold.

A Waterloo medal from the old 27th Foot realised £20 at a sale of medals at Messrs. Glendinning's Galleries, Argyll-street, W. Another medal of Waterloo from the old 91st Foot fetched £17, while a medal for the defence of Germantown, U.S.A., dated October 4, 1777, fetched £21.

Tax on Christian Names.

A Reuter message from Amsterdam states that the new Budget which has been submitted to the Dutch Second Chamber proposes to impose a "Christian-name" tax. At the registration of a newly-born baby all Christian names with the exception of one are to be taxed.

Crimean Veteran's Death.

With military honours the funeral took place at Banbury of Mr. Elijah Hancox, who served in Corfu during the Crimean War and in the Indian Mutiny. A native of Tysoe, Warwickshire, he retired from the Army with the rank of colour-sergeant, and became landlord of the old "Case is Altered" Inn at Banbury.

Death of G. R. Hazlitt.

The death is announced of Mr. G. R. Hazlitt, the well-known cricketer. Mr. Hazlitt was a member of the Australian team that played in the triangular tournament in England in 1912. He was third in the bowling averages, taking 101 wickets for an average of 18.96. He was born in 1888.

Births in the Straits.

The births registered in the Straits Settlements last year numbered 22,080 and were equal to a ratio of 29.09 per 1,000. The deaths from all causes were 25,906, corresponding to a ratio of 34.13 per thousand of population, compared with 34.93 per mille in 1913 and 39.01 in 1912. The average for the last ten years 1904-1913 was 39.93 per mille of population.

Overcrowded Glasgow.

At the Government Rent Inquiry in Glasgow, the Convener of the Labour Party Housing Committee, representing the strikers against increased rents, said that the standard of housing in Glasgow was below any other city, and per acre it was the most congested in Great Britain, Liverpool coming next. There were in Glasgow houses 120 years old, for which tenants paid rents in excess of those demanded a century ago.

GENERAL NEWS.

Singapore's Chinese Immigrants.

During the month of November 16,799 Chinese immigrants arrived at Singapore, against an average for ten years of 14,026 But the total for 1915 is only 76,242, against 147,150 (January-October) 1914.

Fighting Parsons.

The Rev. R. Bramwell Sayer, pastor of Herne Hill Congregational Church, has joined the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps. The Rev. W. J. Rowlands, of Burley Congregational Church, near Ringwood, Hants, has enlisted in the Army.

The Thickest Skull.

At an inquest held by the Bethnal Green coroner on John Faulkner, aged forty-nine, who died after a fall from a truck at Broad-street goods station, a medical man said that deceased had the thickest skull he had ever seen. It was half an inch in thickness in parts. Accidental death was the verdict returned.

B.N.B. Labour Ordinance.

A new Labour Ordinance for British North Borneo introduces the following alterations.—The definition of labour no longer includes merchaacial. Only contracts for over a month must be in writing and registered. The deduction of an outstanding advance in respect of a former contract is prohibited and no advance at any time may exceed $30. The employer may assign piece work subject to revision by the Protector. The Protector's signature is required on all shop lists.

Worthy to Rank with Franklin.

Mr. A. J. Balfour unveiled Lady Scott's statue of her husband in Antarctic costume, which is erected by the officers of the Navy in Waterloo Place. Mr. Balfour said that Captain Scott was worthy to rank with Captain Cook and Sir John Franklin, whose statues were also near the Admiralty. In times of war it was good to remember the Navy's unwarlike yet dangerous work, in which Captain Scott had showed all the great qualities of a sailor, explorer, and man of science.

Ship's Engineer Honoured.

Mr. William G. Logan, the fifth engineer of the s.s. Arabic, has just been awarded a silver medal and illuminated certificate by the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society for gallantry when the s.s. Arabic was torpedoed and sunk on August 19. The White Star Line also presented a handsome cheque to Mr. Logan. A fireman stood by Mr. Logan till the last and both men had extremely narrow escapes of being cut off, but they managed to get off with the last boat. They were later instrumental in saving some seventeen lives by swimming to and from various rafts and submerged boats. Mr. Logan is a brother of Mr. Kenneth Logan, chief engineer, China Navigation Co., Ltd.

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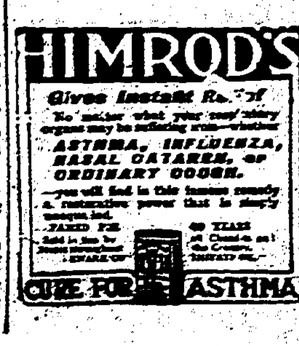

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FORESTRY IN CHINA.

Having often dealt with certain aspects of China's forestry problem in this column, we are deeply interested to note that Mr. W.F. Sherfesee, a former Director of Forestry in the Philippines, has been appointed Forestry Advisor to the Chinese Government and is due to arrive in Peking before the year ends. His appointment has been received with the deepest satisfaction among those who have hopes that China will see the wisdom of enforcing laws and regulations which shall put an end to the deforestation which has been taking place in the country for centuries past and which has been a lasting scandal to the nation. With China it is, unfortunately, not a mere question of neglect—it has been a case of systematic and perpetual stripping of hill and dale of whatever growth there is to be found.

The Chinese as a rule allow nothing to stand in the way of their turning all they can set hands on into profit, and thus it is that while there is an admitted shortage of wood in China, charcoal manufacturers—to take only one class—do not hesitate ruthlessly to chop down young, slender poles with which to feed their kilns. Deforestation, in fact, seems to be a regular mania with the Chinese, and we do not entertain the slightest doubt that if they had their way Hongkong would to-day be just what it was when the British took it over—a barren, uninviting rock. As it is, there are constant prosecutions of Chinese for cutting down Government pine-wood.

Apart from other aspects of the question there is that of economies, upon which a Mr Lin had some striking facts in an article recently contributed to the *National Review* of Shanghai. To take one of his points. He says that China to-day has some 8,000 miles of railroad, the metals of which lie on no less than twelve million six hundred thousand wooden ties—sleepers, we assume he means. And for renewals no fewer than two and a half million of these ties are required annually. But can China produce these sleepers herself? Not a bit of it—they are all imported from foreign countries, principally Japan. Then, too, there are the numerous bye-products of wood, such as pulp for the manufacture of paper, the demand for which is growing every year. And yet China has still to look abroad for help in this direction also. In Shantung, we are told, there can be found millions of acres of land that used to be one of the most productive portions of China but that to-day have become nothing but waste ground. And that is a state of affairs which is repeated all up and down the land. The only hope that can be ventured now is that the appointment of a forestry expert will be the beginning of a new era in a country which suffers notoriously from the tree-stripper. But from the use which China has made of her big army of foreign advisors in the past we may be pardoned for having our doubts on the point.

The Life of Parliament.

Although domestic politics have been forced, by larger and more vital issues, very much into the background, the student of political movements will have taken due note of the introduction of a Bill extending the life of the present Parliament to the end of January, 1917. The continuance of the war is, of course, the controlling factor in this new legislative proposal. Historically, the step is an interesting one from the fact that the original intention of the Parliament Act, which, in more normal times, aroused a most bitter controversy, is being abandoned without having once been put into practice. The Parliament Act, it will be recalled, provided that no Government should hold office for more than five years without first going to the country. The present Parliament opened its career in December, 1910—there were two General Elections that year—and therefore its existence would normally end in this present month. But when the Act was passed few of our legislators foresaw the likelihood of our becoming involved in a mighty European war so soon. The great war has, however, come, and to-day we have greater questions before us than purely constitutional points of this order. Indeed, if necessary, constitutionalism can go by the board altogether for the time being. War, and war alone, holds us in its grip just now. All other issues must stand aside until our one great object is attained.

Shipping Developments.

Far Eastern shipping has been undergoing quite a number of changes of late, and the latest development, so we read in a San Francisco newspaper, is the establishment of a new Company which intends operating a fleet of steamers to make the Pacific run. The new venture, which has given itself the name of the Pacific and Eastern Steamship Company, is said to have a capital equalling some £400,000 sterling. At the moment only meagre details of the undertaking are known, but prominent capitalists and large financial interests are believed to be behind the incorporators. The idea which has got abroad is that a group of financiers has formed the new Company for the purpose of buying steamers in view of the probable passage of the Administration's Shipping Bill at the next session of Congress. It is also believed that the nature of the enterprise will be to engage in the Pacific trade, especially with China. That is all, at the moment, which can be said definitely on the project, which is sure to arouse very widespread interest. There can be no doubt as to the future possibilities of Pacific shipping, and if this new concern is a serious proposition, then its formation will be very warmly received in the Far East.

Still Unchecked.

It was only a couple of weeks or so ago that we once again pleaded the necessity of police action being taken against the hordes of maimed and disease-ridden mendicants who infest our streets. In doing so, we cited the particular case of a repulsive specimen of humanity who had taken up his abode on the pavement in Queen's Road, just a little east of the junction with Pedder Street and who possessed a most objectionable method of thrusting his physical deformities upon the attention of passers-by. Missing this gentleman for some days we had fondly hoped that he had come under the paternal care of the authorities. But the conclusion was a hasty one, for yesterday our old friend was at it again in precisely the same spot—during the tiffin-hour once again, too. It is scandalous that this matter should be so avoided by the authorities. The thing is an absolute disgrace to the Colony. Perhaps, now that we have spoken for almost the thousandth time on the subject, something will really be done?

DAY BY DAY.

WHILE THE HOLLOW OAK OUR PALACE IS, OUR HERITAGE THE SEA.—Moore.

The Weather.

At the Peak 8 a.m. Temp. 58; fine.

Lower level 8 a.m. Temp. 65; fine.

The Mails.

American and Canadian Mails.—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Nippon Maru 9 a.m.

Canadian Mail.—Closes to-morrow per s.s. Tamba Maru 3 p.m.

Siberian Mail.—Due to-morrow per s.s. Yokohama.

The Dollar.

The rate of the dollar on demand to-day is 1/11 3/16.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 20th birthday of H.R.H. Prince Albert.

Steerage Passengers.

The Nikko Maru, which arrived from Manila yesterday, brought in 30 Chinese, two Filipino and one Japanese steerage passengers.

Bad Weather.

Steamers arriving in port on Saturday and Sunday reported bad weather, strong N.E. gales and high seas being experienced.

A Smart Fine.

A Chinese was fined $10, or, in default, 21 days' imprisonment by Mr. Lindsell, this morning, for picking rubbish from dustbins.

Drunken Japanese Cook.

At the Magistracy this morning, Inspector Sirdar Khan (Reserve) charged a Japanese cook for being drunk and disorderly at Wanchai. Prisoner was fined $5, or 14 days' imprisonment.

Volunteer Decorations.

At a parade to be held on the Cricket Ground to-morrow at 5.15 p.m., Major Macdonald and Capt. Lammert, of the H.K.V.C., are to be presented with the Volunteer Decoration for long service, by H.E. the Governor.

Cruelty to Pigeons.

Before Mr. Hazeland, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was fined $50, or, in default, two months' imprisonment for cruelty to pigeons. The case was brought by Sergeant Major Royland, of the Police Reserve.

The Colony's Health.

Last week there were three cases of diphtheria, six of enteric fever and one of puerperal fever notified in the Colony. All were fatal save four of the enteric occurrences, and all the sufferers were Chinese with the exception of one British (imported) and one Japanese.

Death of Mrs. R. L. Atkinson.

The sympathy of many residents of the Colony will go out to Mr. R. L. Atkinson, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, on the sad death of his wife, which took place on Saturday, following the birth of a child. Mrs. Atkinson only came out from Home about a year ago, when the marriage took place, and she made a large number of friends, by whom she was greatly liked. The funeral took place yesterday at Happy Valley, the Rev. N. C. Pope officiating. Among those present, besides the bereaved husband, were Messrs. W. Stewart, R. Packham, A. Hamilton, H. and C. Summers, Duncan, Robertson, J. Stalker, D. Nielsen, S. Smith, V. C. Labrum, C. W. Jeffries, J. C. Fletcher, G. H. May, G. D. Brown, A. E. Cranwell, Goode, N. L. Hilton, V. W. Daniels, W. Kay, L. J. Blackburn, H. E. Stevens, D. Harvey, J. Jack and J. Hyde.

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NOTES ON THE CRISIS.

THE HOME GOVERNMENT.

Trifles.

Now that it has occurred to the mighty minds in the Cabinet that it is possible to let us have a daily bulletin concerning the doings on the Western front, we hope no more time will be wasted in getting matters under way to that end. At present we know little enough of what is doing anywhere, beyond the facts that our men are still indulging in a very rough time in the Balkans and that enemy submarines are waxing bold once more. We hope soon to hear that the same healthy preventive measures which have been adopted in the Home waters for dealing with these pests will be brought into use in the Mediterranean. The sinking, by the Russians, of two Turkish gunboats is quite a useful little news item; so, too, is the latest example of the brilliancy of German seamanship, reported from the Baltic. How ever these people came to imagine that they could make sailors is more than we can arrive at by any known process of reasoning.

The Sailorlike German.

But so it is. Germany was firmly convinced that a navy is merely a question of ships and money, and so she sends to sea a collection of hairdressers, waiters, bargemen "professors," etc; led by a few men who have sought to pattern themselves on British officers—albeit they have got very little way beyond copying the uniform. What else could such individuals expect but trouble? Their highest ambition seems, from the beginning, to have been to sink undefended merchantships. Their big warships skulk in the Kiel Canal, their cruisers have ceased to exist, and apparently the only diversion left to these mighty men of the sea, apart from that of attacking peaceful ships as aforesaid consists in sinking each other. Nor is the Austrian naval record a great deal cleaner or more promising; and, there anent, Washington seems to be expressing itself pretty freely. It doesn't seem to us as though it is the Ancona's turn yet, however. There are surely a few questions still to be replied to in connection with the Lusitania; but doubtless President Wilson thinks it high time that Austria should have *her* share of Notes. That Vienna will laugh just as long and loudly at such Notes, as Berlin, is merely a detail. Meanwhile have the Washington enquiries into the cases of the Arabic, Hesperian etc. been satisfactory?

What About the Home Government?

But people who live in glass houses ought to have a care as to how they heave bricks about; while we are yielding to the temptation to growl at America's waste of time we are forgetting that our own Cabinet at Home still leaves much to be desired and that (true it is the *Times* that is responsible for the statement "there is growing dissatisfaction among members of Parliament, without distinction of party at the Government's conduct of the war." We are not in the habit of taking "to the foot of the letter," everything that a Harmsworthian organ has to say on the subject of the Cabinet, but even here in Hongkong, where the news comes, as it were, second-hand, it is clear enough to the average reader that the coalition pidgin was more or less doomed to failure. As we have remarked before, it may be doubted if the members of that coalition themselves had any great hopes for it. So far as one can see, they are making the same old mistakes of fettering the action of the army and navy chiefs and of considering too much the judgment of Exeter Hall. "What will the pious voter think, if we put the screw on?" is what they seem to be asking themselves. If they would but realise that the Empire as a whole does not care two beans what Exeter Hall thinks, that it wants the war ended satisfactorily and that it does not mind how much "ginger" is put into the Government's anti-German measures, (in fact the more the better) they might possibly accomplish some good.

JOTTINGS BY THE WAY.

The *Straits Times* has the headline: "Careers for Soldiers." We thought that the last word had already been said on that subject. Could not something more advantageously be written about careers for the slackers?

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The same paper talks about "Local Postal Affairs.—Progress During Ten Years' Working." Progress could be made in our own postal affairs even with a day's working—but when is the working going to begin? Hitherto it seems to have been play.

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In a general way there are few better-informed papers than the *N. C. Daily News*; but we hesitate to accept its suggestion that the Jewish cemetery in Shanghai is now being used as a place of internment.

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Says the *Manila Bulletin*: "Messiah to be Sung, Mr. Harrison decides." We take it that hitherto it has always been danced.

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A Vancouver paper leads off with "Child Swallows a Chain; Recovered by an Emetic."—The child or the chain?

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There are prettier ways of advertising a booklet than by stating that it is published for the Prince of Wales' "Fun."

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"Senator Lodge was cheered when he said that American lives were more important than American dollars." (Reuter).—The old order changeth, yielding place to new.

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That must have been a provident fellow who left the Colony owing the sum of five cents. Meanwhile who shall say that there is waste in Hongkong when we spend $10.50 in order to recover $1.45?

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We note that, among the Kaiser's "peace" terms, is the stipulation that "Germany shall have power to civilise Turkey." Unfortunately the Allies can't give her power even to civilise herself. In fact they can't give her anything that would do her good; she's too far gone. Perhaps the scrap-heap.

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How the Colony will miss them when they're gone! (1). The lady (2). the gentleman, who will persist in reading, for the benefit of all within hearing, the explanatory words on the cinematograph films.

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Barring "Bugs" for "Buffs" and "Police Suspector" for "Police Inspector" there are only minor engagements to report concerning the Educated Comp. this week.

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"As a further encouragement to the parents of large families in Germany, the Kaiser now promises to be godfather to seventh and eighth sons born in succession." It's no particular business of ours, but we should have thought that the drop from god to mere godfather was more than the All Highest could have tolerated.

STUNNED AND ROBBED.

European Officer Attacked by Six Chinese.

It has been reported to the Police by Mr. H. W. Holmes, second officer of the s.s. Wai Shing, that on Saturday night he engaged a rickshaw outside the Hongkong Hotel to take him to Wing Lok Street wharf and that when he got out he was struck on the back of the head with something soft and felled to the ground by six men. He lost a purse, a gold watch and gold chain as well as $10 in notes. The thieves afterwards made off [illegible] which direction they took he did not [illegible]

The second defendant was also [illegible] a similar amount [illegible]

A YEAR AGO TO-DAY.

LEADING EVENTS IN THE GREAT WAR.

Extracts from the war news contained in the "Hongkong Telegraph" of December 13, 1914.

German Cruiser Sunk in the Baltic

The Paris *Temps* announces that the Ministry of Marine states that it is reported that the German cruiser Friedrich Karl has been sunk by a mine in the Baltic Sea and that most of the crew were drowned.

Important Capture.

The capture of Vermelles is important. It threatens the German communications on the main road from Lens to La Bassee.

Another Cathedral Destroyed.

It is reported that Soissons Cathedral has been destroyed by German artillery fire.

La Bassee Captured.

The *Daily Mail* correspondent in Northern France telegraphs that the French captured La Bassee after a brilliant infantry attack.

British Consul Arrested by Turks.

Turkish gendarmes on November 11 forcibly arrested the British Consul at Hodeidah who had taken refuge in the Italian Consulate. The news reached Erythrea on November 29 and the warship Giuliana was despatched immediately. She arrived at Hodeidah on December 3. The Italian Ambassador at Constantinople has demanded reparation.

The Naval Fight.

Vice-Admiral Sturdee reports that the total British casualties were seven men killed and four wounded. No officers are included. The Admiralty has no confirmation of despatches from Buenos Aires, received in New York, to the effect that the British victory over the German cruisers included the Shannon, the Achilles, the Cochrane and the Natal. These despatches state that the Germans were caught between British and Japanese squadrons and that the Scharnhorst fired until her guns were submerged. The Nurnberg was caught after an exciting chase. She refused to surrender and fought till she sank. Firing has been heard off the Chilian island of Mocha. It is believed that an engagement between the Prinz Eitel Friedrich and a British warship is in progress. The German warships Karlsruhe and Kronprinz Wilhelm have fled to the vicinity of San Vedra, Chile. The British are pursuing the enemy, whose supply ships have been destroyed.

SKILL OR CHANCE?

Chinese Fined for Keeping Lottery Machines.

P.C. Arnold (Reserve) summoned a Chinese, before Mr. Lindsell at the Police Court this morning, with keeping lottery machines.

The constable gave demonstrations which called forth the remark from his Worship that the machines did not seem to be any different from many at Home, he thought that perhaps there was some game of skill in it.

An Inspector stated that the games came under the Lottery Ordinance.

Defendant denied that he was conducting the lottery machines, and said he was travelling for a firm of preserved plum manufacturers. He sold packets of preserved plums at one cent each, then his clients were given the privilege of playing with his machines. If they were successful in getting coins, thrown by a small spring plank, into various cups, and on to several discs, they were rewarded with packets of the sweatmeats. He did not gain any money at all from the machines.

The constable told quite a different tale, however, which was to the effect that people placed their stakes on the board and lost and won money. He arrested the defendant and another man who was in charge of the machines. A fine of $5 was imposed, and the instruments were confiscated.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

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GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

ALLIES' DEMANDS CONCEDED.

December 11, 7.00 p.m.

A message from Athens, dated the 10th, says it is understood in diplomatic circles that Greece has decided to accede to the demands of the Entente in reference to the expeditionary corps. A portion of the Greek troops is withdrawing from Salonica in order not to hamper the Franco-British measures for the defence of the town. Other matters will be settled shortly to the satisfaction of the Allies.

ALLIES DESIRE GREATER LIBERTY.

December 11, 11.55 p.m.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Milan states that it is reported that Signor Sarrail is proceeding to Athens in order to confer directly with King Constantine and his staff on the facilities at Salonica. The Allies have already constructed telegraphs and telephones, but greater liberty of movement is desired.

THE DARDANELLES.

TURKISH ARTILLERY ACTIVE.

December 12, 1.30 a.m.

The Paris communique reports that the Turks at the Dardanelles increased their artillery fire on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, violently bombarding our first lines with guns of every calibre, particularly our extreme right. Mining warfare has been much more active on both sides at the Dardanelles. A Turkish aeroplane on Wednesday unsuccessfully bombed the camp at Seddulbahr.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

SEVERE ARTILLERY DUELS IN BELGIUM AND ARTOIS.

December 12, 1.30 a.m.

The latest Paris communique says there has been a severe artillery duel in Belgium and Artois, and intermittent cannonading in Argonne and Alsace. Our fire on the heights of the Meuse seriously damaged the enemy's defences.

NEW FRENCH CHIEF-OF-STAFF.

December 12, 3.15 a.m.

An official message from Paris says General Joffre has appointed General Castelnau as his Chief of Staff. General Castelnau retains his rank as Commander of a group of armies.

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Scouts v. Reserves.

These teams had a most enjoyable match on the Hongkong ground on Saturday, a feature of the play being the fine batting of Pearce and R. Hancock for the Reserves and of Anderson for their opponents. For the loss of six wickets the Reserves put up 153 and then gave the Scouts a chance. The latter, however, had only put together 99 for four when stumps were drawn. It was a close game, keenly fought. Scores:—

Reserves.

T. E. Pearce, c Reed, b Anderson	78
F. Sutton, b Brand	2
R. Witchell, b Syme Thomson	7
R. Hancock, c Hutchison, b Anderson	56
R. P. Thursfield, c and b Anderson	0
K. M. Macaskill, b Sayer	5
H. Hancock, not out	5
Extras	3
Total (for 6)	153

Hon. Mr. C. Severn, A. R. Lowe, R. E. O. Bird and D. E. Donnelly, did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Brand	13	3	28	1
Reed	9	1	32	0
Syme Thomson	*7	2	20	1
Anderson	7	0	38	3
Sayer	*4.4	0	32	1

*Thomson bowled a no ball and Sayer bowled a wide.

Scouts.

A. L. Grace, run out	0
G. R. Sayer, b Bird	2
R. A. Brand, run out	15
R. O. Hutchison, c R. Hancock, b Bird	25
R. N. Anderson, not out	44
M. M. Maas not out	1
Extras	12
Total (for 4)	99

E. B. Reed, E. W. Hamilton, F. Syme Thomson, R. Kennedy and C. Edgecumbe did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	*12	1	39	2
Donnelly	5	2	12	0
Witchell	4	1	14	0
Macaskill	2	0	18	0
Severn	1	0	4	0

*Bird bowled a wide.

Kowloon "B" v. University.

Played at Kowloon on Saturday, the home team winning, mainly due to the sound batting of Claxton and Robinson and the successful bowling of Claxton and Braga. Scores:—

Kowloon "B."

A. A. Claxton, retired	56
J. P. Robinson, run out	43
P. W. A. Wilkie, b Anderson	1
H. Overy, b Anderson	5
Major Robertson, run out	0
J. V. Braga, c Ng Sze Kwong, b Ho Wing Kin	7
D. J. Mackenzie, c and b Anderson	3
S. E. Green, b Anderson	4
K. McLennan, b Ho Wing Kin	1
A. W. E. Davidson, not out	2
Dr. Forsyth, b Ho Wing Kin	4
Extras	2
Total	128

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ho Wing Kin	8.5	2	41	3
Marley	6	0	40	0
Anderson	7	1	29	4
Ng Sze Kwong	4	1	16	0

University.

Ng Sze Cheong b A. A. Claxton	23
A. H. Rumjahn, c Wilkie, b A. A. Claxton	9
Ng Sze Kwong b J. V. Braga	10
Wei Wing Lok, c Maj. Robertson, b A. A. Claxton	2
C. E. Marley, b Braga	22
Ho Wing Kin c Wilkie, b Overy	22
G. Hall, c Davidson, b A. A. Claxton	2
C. Anderson, b A. A. Claxton	0
Chan Wing To, b Braga	0
W. Hall, b Braga	0
Yeong Hin Lun, not out	0
Extras	4
Total	94

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Braga	10	1	35	4
McLennan	2	0	20	0
Claxton	10.1	1	25	5
Overy	3	0	10	1

Civil Service v. H.M.S. "Tamar."

The Civil Service proved too good for the team of H.M.S. Tamar, although, as will be seen by the following scores, matters were somewhat even. The match was played on the Civil Service ground, the scores were:—

"Tamar."

Godfrey, b Southerton	0
Forrest, b Deane	1
Lister, retired hurt	16
Holdomby, b Southerton	0
Commander Gibson, run out	0
French, b Southerton	14
White, b Deane	7
Staley, b Southerton	2
Kitson, c Wood, b Southerton	1
Lever, b Hill	3
Gibson, not out	5
Extras	12
Total	61

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Southerton	10	3	22	5
Deane	6	1	14	2
Wood	2	—	8	—
Hill	1.2	—	5	1

Civil Service.

P. T. Lamble, c and b Godfrey	25
R. G. Southerton, l.b.w., b White	0
W. H. Viveash, b Godfrey	11
E. W. Dawson, b White	31
C. J. Tacchi, c Kitson, b Gibson	0
W. Hill, c Forrest, b Gibson	1
F. W. Wood, c and b Godfrey	2
W. Beame, not out	0
E. J. Bradbury, b White	0
C. Sara did not bat	
T. Deane, not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wkts.)	78

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Forrest	5	—	13	—
White	5	—	27	3
Godfrey	8	3	2	3
Gibson	5	—	10	3

FOOTBALL.

Staffs and Departmentals v. St. Joseph's College.

The Staff met St. Joseph's on Saturday, and found them a tough lot of men. The Collegians were handicaped by the absence of a number of their best players, but they played most brilliantly throughout the whole game. T. Hyndman made several good tries which were cleared by the Staffs' goalie; and Davies for the Staffs also showed up well, but Omar between the sticks, was too good. The soldiers made many good dashes, but were generally easily checked by B. Hyndman and L. Cardeire (full backs). The game was pointless for the first half. On resuming, the soldiers pressed hard but met with a tough defence, until near the close when B. Hyndman most unfortunately handled the leather within the penalty area. Davies, taking the kick, scored for the soldiers. Had they not been so fortunate as to be awarded a penalty, it is doubtful if they would have beaten the College, whose play was most brilliant. Scores:—Staffs and Departmentals, 1 goal, St. Joseph's College, nil.

Islamics v. Lam Liong.

The Islamics managed to win their match in the Second Division League against the Lam Liong by the only point scored. Result:—Islamics, 1; goal, Lam Liong, nil.

Kowloon Dock Juniors v. Confucians.

The Dock Juniors came out the winners in their match with the clever Confucians by two goals to love.

R.G.A. v. Shropshires.

Probably not since the football season commenced has there been so much interest centred on a match as there was on that between the R.G.A. and the Shropshires, which was played at Happy Valley on Saturday. The ropes were lined three or four deep all round with spectators, mainly soldiers of the respective regiments, and their gusty laughter, their quips and jests permeated the whole play.

The play commenced very evenly, each team striving its utmost to gain the advantage, but both were so well matched that it was impossible for some time for one to gain superiority over the other. The R.G.A., apparently realising that things could not continue in this strain, formed themselves into combination far better than had been the case previously, and it was without doubt owing to this that Pritchard, the Shropshire custodian, was called upon time after time to turn aside shots which were of a particularly dangerous character, while the attackers for the moment also experienced exceedingly hard luck on many occasions when the ball tantalisingly skimmed over the bar. A situation of anxiety was relieved by Peplow, the Shropshire outside left, who obtained the ball, and a splendid individual run into the opponents' territory broke up the combination of the R.G.A., but, unfortunately, the kick which followed bore no fruit, and later, when the same citadel was placed once more in jeopardy, a shot by Peplow again proved abortive. The R.G.A. becoming alive to the danger of their position, broke away and Swan, securing the ball, was successful in finding the net a few minutes before half-time.

In the second moiety the play was of the same order as during the latter end of the first half. The Shropshires' forward line got into swing and on several occasions when attacks appeared to be assuming a threatening attitude they were repelled by the impregnable defence, which was plainly the reason of the R.G.A. success. Later, a good chance was missed, and about this time fouls were very much in evidence, but unfortunately the Shropshires were unable to receive any benefit from the kicks awarded to them. The R.G.A. then attacked hotly and their inside managed to score a goal. It was owing to Peplow, who hit the cross bar with a brilliant shot, that the Shropshire goal was scored. The ball struck the bar, rebounded into play, and falling to the foot of Davis, was shot through. The R.G.A. won by two goals to one.

Volunteers v. Navy.

These teams met on the Club ground on Saturday, when a very poor game was the result. Play was of a low standard, and selfishness was far too often practised by the forwards. The result was a win for the Volunteers by one goal to nil, the point being registered well on in the second half by Stalker.

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Chiyo Maru	22,000 - 21 knots	25th January.
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Saigon Docks.

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Norwegian Shipbuilding.

The Rosenberg Engineering Works, Stavanger, Norway, has decided to establish a yard capable of building ships up to 12,000 tons. The programme includes the construction of a dry dock for vessels of the same size as the largest boats of the Norwegian-American line. The capital of the company will be increased to about £200,000.

A New Oil Vessel Company.

Under the title of "Motortank," a company has been formed in Christiania to take over four oil tank vessels, now being built by the Baltimore Shipbuilding Company, Baltimore. Two of the four boats are to be delivered in May, 1916, and two in October, 1916. They will all be fitted with three Bolinder motors of 500 to 600-h.p. and three propellers. The dimensions are:—Length 325ft., breadth 47ft., depth 28ft., and draught, loaded, 22ft. They are being built to Lloyd's special survey, class 100 A1, on the Isherwood system. It is stated that the price of each vessel is $425,000.

A New Lightship.

A Lightship, 92ft. long, 25ft. beam with a depth of 11ft. 4in. is being built for the United States Lighthouse Authority. The hull is of steel construction and has five watertight bulkheads, propelling power consisting of an internal combustion oil-burning engine of 200 h.p., and there will be an oil vapour, or gas light, maintained on the foremast 50ft. above water. The vessel is to be equipped with a syren using compressed air for service in time of fog; also a submarine bell. The United States lightships for outlying and exposed positions are provided with steam or other motor power.

An Electric Dreadnought.

It is reported that the new battleship California, just launched, will be the world's first electric Dreadnought, and from point of size will be greater than any foreign battleship built or building. The California and her two sister-ships, the Mississippi and the Idaho, already authorised, will each displace 32,000 tons, almost 1,000 tons more than the new Dreadnought Pennsylvania, now on the way to completion. The California will be a ship of innovations. She will cost $7,800,000 G. without her armour or armament, which is expected to cost as much more. She will have a speed of 21 knots an hour, will be 624ft. long, 97ft. across her beams, and will draw 30ft. of water. She will carry twelve 14in. guns, mounted three abreast in a turret, twenty-two 5in. rapid fire guns, and will have four submerged torpedo tubes.

After the War.

In discussing the future of British shipping after the war, a Home paper says that there is bound to be keen international competition in the future, and with the prospect of dear labour and high prices the position will need careful handling. Many British vessels have been converted for transport purposes, and after the war it will take a considerable time to adapt these ships again for mercantile conditions. It is contended in some quarters that the enemy's vessels, now interned, will be in a more or less fit condition to recommence operations at once, whereas our own ships, now in use for national purposes, will not be able to restart immediately. When the abnormal conditions which now prevail are over it will be more essential than ever to obtain the maximum earning power from the British mercantile marine, and for that reason shipping companies now engaged on war contracts will be acting wisely to concentrate their energies as quickly as possible on the coming international situation.

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The Den of Crombie.

The Den of Crombie, which left Kobsichang on October 10 bound for Lisbon, and was torpedoed and became a total loss, had on board 2,850 tons of rice for the Siam Forest Co., and 600 tons for the Arracan Co.

American Submarines.

The Union Ironworks of San Francisco have bid $510,000 (£102,000) each for the construction of the sixteen submarines authorised by the U.S.A. Congress. This is the lowest tender received. The Electric Torpedo Boat Co. at Quick (Massachusetts) bid $522,000. The Newport Shipbuilding Co. and the New York Shipbuilding Co. were among the bidders.

The New Seamen's Law.

There were in the harbour of San Francisco on November 4 more than twenty vessels ready for departure but whose sailings had been unavoidably deferred owing to their inability to collect a sufficient number of men to conform to the requirements of the new Seamen's Law as to crew. Instructions were later received by the Superintendent of Customs from the Department of Commerce ordering him to allow the departure of ships for the present, without conforming to the rules of the new law.

The "Shinko Maru" Case.

The Kwantung Marine Disciplinary Committee, Capt. I. Narasaki, Chairman, has handed down a decision upon Capt. T. Okuda, of the s.s. Shinko Maru, 3,123 tons, owned by the Kishimoto S. S. Co., Dairen, and registered at the Marine Office, debarring him from the command of any vessels registered in the Kwantung Leased Territory for one month. It is learned from the written sentence that the steamer ran aground in a dense fog in the Inland Sea of Japan last May and sustained serious damage to her hull, and that this mishap was caused through carelessness on the part of Capt. Okuda.

Congestion of Goods.

An enormous amount of outward cargoes for Europe is now lying accummulated about Kobe, says the *Manchuria Daily News*, owing to dearth of available carriers. In order to meet the pressing requirements, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha will despatch the two extra steamers Sanuki Maru and Wakasa Maru leaving Kobe on the 5th and 25th inst. respectively, in addition to the European regular liners. The above vessels combined are expected to load about 20,000 tons goods, but how to dispose of the remaining 10,000 tons within only a month is a question with which the parties concerned are combating. A similar thing may be said of the Indian service. Only a couple of N.Y.K. steamers are scheduled to leave Japan for India towards the end of this month, with 10,000 tons goods. No foreign or Japanese tramp vessel is now to be obtained for this service, and the remaining cargo amounting to 15,000 tons will have to be carried after the turn of the year.

New Panama Railway Rates.

A circular issued by the Panama Canal authorities on October 8 gave notice to ships waiting to pass through the canal that freight would be transferred by rail at Gold $3 a ton, including all charges. Another circular was issued under date of October 19 in which announcement was made that it had been decided to continue exchanging cargoes of ships arriving at the canal during the rest of October at the special emergency rate quoted above. But, effective with arrival of ships at the canal on and after November 1, 1915, and during such time as the canal may be closed to traffic, the following are the rates at which the Panama Railway will transfer freight across the isthmus: Class 5, Gold $2.00 per ton; class 4, $2.50 per ton; class 3, $3.50 per ton; class 2, $4.50 per ton; classes I D½, $5.50 per ton; class D1 and D1½, $10.00 per ton; classes D2 and T1, $15.00 per ton. Rates on specie, gold, silver precious stones, etc., one-fourth of 1 per cent. *ad valorem*. Steamers will be charged wharfage, cranage and stevedoring of their cargoes in and out.

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SANDAKAN	Hinsang†	Wed.,	15th Dec. at noon
S'PORE, P'ang & Calcutta	Yatshing	Thur.,	16th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Foochow	Kwongsang†	Thur.,	16th Dec. at d'light
HAIPHONG	Taksang	Thur.,	16th Dec. at 8 a.m.
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London & Bombay	N'nkin	P. & O.	30, Dec.
Marseilles via Saigon & Ports	Athos	P.Thomas	8, Jan.

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San F'cisco via M'la & Japan &c.	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	14, Dec.
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Victoria, B.C., & Ports	Canada M.	O. S. K.	16, Dec.
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle	Y'hama M.	N. Y. K.	23, Dec.
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Shinyo M.	T. K. K.	28, Dec.
San Francisco & American Ports	Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	8 Jan.
San Francisco	Arabian	J.C.J. L.	9, Jan
Victoria, B.C., & Seattle etc.	Saito M.	N. Y. K.	11, Jan.
Boston & New York	Kathlamba	B. L. L.	15, Jan.
San F'cisco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Chiyo M.	T. K. K.	25, Jan.
San F'cisco via S'hai & Japan etc.	Persia M.	T. K. K.	31, Jan.
San Francisco	Tjisondari	J.C.J. L.	9, Feb.
San Francisco	China	C. M. S. S.	9, Feb.
San F'co via Manila & Japan &c.	Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	15, Feb.
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San Francisco	Ka imoen	J.C.J. L.	9, Mar.
San Francisco	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	9, Apr.

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Shanghai	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	16, Dec.
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Shanghai	Yusang	J. M. Co.	17, Dec.
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Haiphong	Kaifong	B. & S.	17, Dec.
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Singapore, Calcutta etc.	Hakata M.	N. Y. K.	18, Dec.
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Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	28, Dec.
Shanghai	Tjikembang	J.C.J. L.	30, Dec.
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P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Dec. 16	Yokohama
S. T. & Co.	Kioto	4,[illegible]20	Dec. 16	New York
G. L. & Co.	Empire	4,49[illegible]	Dec. 18	Australia
P. & O	Novara		Dec. 18	London
N. Y. K	yo Maru	12,[illegible]00	Dec. 18	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Shinyo Maru	22,000	Dec. 20	San Francisco
B. & S.	Hyson	6,608	Dec. 23	London
B. & S.	Priam	4,543	Dec. 24	Liverpool
J.C.J. L.	Tjikembang		Dec. 24	Java
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N. Y. K.	Kashima Maru	21,000	Dec 29	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Dec. 29	Yokohama
B. & S.	Helenna	7,555	Dec. 31	London
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P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 1	London
N. Y. K.	Sado Maru	6,227	Jan. 2	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan. 4	Yokohama
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G. L. & Co.	Eastern	3,586	Jan. 7	Australia
T. K. K.	Persia Maru	9,000	Jan. 9	San Francisco
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N. Y. K.	Hitachi Maru	6,557	Jan. 13	Australia
P. & O.	Novara		Jan 13	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Nikko Maru	9,500	Jan 13	Yokohama
T. K. K.	Chiyo Maru	22,000	Jan. 14	San Francisco
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Jan. 15	London
B. & S.	Changsha	2,969	Jan. 16	Australia
N. Y. K.	Awa Maru	6,309	Jan. 16	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Shidzuoka Maru		Jan. 24	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Suwa Maru	21,000	Jan. 26	Yokohama
P. & O.	Kashmir		Jan 27	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nellore		Jan. 28	Yokohama
G. L. & Co.	Aldenham	3,808	Jan 29	Australia
P. & O.	Namur	6,694	Jan. 29	London
P. & O.	Nore		Feb. 5	London
J.C.J. L.	Tjisondari		Feb. 7	Java
T. K. K.	Tenyo Maru	22,000	Feb. 7	San Francisco
N. Y. K.	Atsuta Maru		Feb. 9	Yokohama
P. & O.	Sardinia	6,574	Feb. 11	Yokohama
P. & O.	Nankin		Feb. 12	London
N. Y. K.	Aki Maru		Feb. 13	Seattle
P. & O.	Mongara		Feb. 14	Yokohama
N. Y. K.	Tango Maru		Feb. 16	Australia
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AMERICAN MAIL.

The T. K. K. s.s. ANYO MARU will next leave Hongkong on March 10, 1916.

The T.K.K. s.s. SHINYO MARU sailed for San Francisco on the 12th October at noon. This vessel will next leave Hongkong for San Francisco via usual ports of call on Tuesday the 28th Dec. at noon.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO MARU sailed on the 30th Nov. at noon—This steamer will next leave Hongkong on Tuesday the 15th February 1916 at noon.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. EMPRESS OF JAPAN left Yokohama on Friday the 10th Dec., at 2 p.m., due to arrive Vancouver on the 22nd December.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The s.s. ITOLA from Calcutta left Singapore and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Hermes, Dut. s.s. 2,513, B. V. Jagt. 3rd Dec.—Balik Papan, 24th ult. Bulk oil—A. P. Co.

Haurota, Br. ss. J. G. Smith, 4th Dec.—Singapore, 24th ult. Gen.—Order

Canada Maru, Jap. ss. 3,543, T. Sarnga, 5th Dec.—Shanghai, 2nd Dec. Gen.—O.S.K.

Nippon Maru, Jap. ss. 2,965, H. S. Smith, 8th Dec.—San Francisco, 6th ult. Gen.—T.K.K.

Alhay, Am. ss. 575, E. Yrsabal, 6th Dec.—Manila, 1st Dec. Gen.—Order.

Taiyuan, Br. s.s. 2,300, K. E. Hamilton, 6th Dec.—Australia, 1 th ult. Gen.—B. & S.

Chosen Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,800, T. Yamone —6th Dec.—Java, 24th ult. Sugar—O.S.K.

Promethius, Norw. s.s. 1,024, O. Hoien, 7th Dec.—Bangkok, 27th ulto. Gen.—T. & Co.

Oleg, Rus. s.s. 1,376, P. Mender, 7th Dec. —Chefoo, 1st Dec. Gen.—Chinese.

Selja, Norw. ss. 865, D. Hontvet, 8th Dec.—Bangkok, 19th ult. Rice—T. & Co.

Anping, Chinese s.s. 1,159, R. G. Paramore 10th Dec.—Shanghai, 7th Dec., Gen.—C.M.S.N. Co.

Taihai Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,101, T. Lenimoki, 9th Dec.—Dairen, 3rd Dec. Gen. —N.B.K.

Anna, Norw. ss. 1,617, A. Arntsen, 10th Dec.—Tourane, 6th Dec. Rice—Chinese.

Anyo Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,147, 10th Dec.—Watermelon, 4th Dec. Coal—T. & Co.

Kwongsang, Br. s.s. Bechara, 10th Dec.—Swatow, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Laisang, Br. s.s. 1,224, F. Mooney, 9th Dec.—Kobe, 4th Dec. Gen.—J. M.

Ixion, Br. ss. 5,526, G. L. Stagg, 9th Dec. Yokohama, 2nd Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Fung Kiang, Br. s.s. 3,095, J. Mason, 9th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—Chinese.

Hue, Fr. ss. 734, A. Cornelissen, 11th Dec. —Kwang-chou-wan, 10th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Chofu Maru, Jap. ss. 333, H. Ono, 12th Dec.—Bintui, 6th Dec. Wood—Order.

Derwent, Br. s.s. 1,562, J. Jenkins, 10th Dec.—Saigon, 5th Dec., Rice—Chinese.

Liangchow, Br. s.s. 1,220, W. Benson, 10th Dec.—Shanghai, 7th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Kabo, Chinese s.s. 991, Hong, 10th Dec.—Singapore, 4th inst. Gen.—Order.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.

EXTRA

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1915

SPECIAL CABLE.

THE MONARCHICAL QUESTION.

YUAN'S WILY MOVE.

Will "Bow to the Will of the People."

(From Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, December 13.

It is reported that President Yuan Shih-ksi, following a refusal of the memorial asking him to become Emperor, has consented to "bow to the will of the people." He stipulates that there shall be no change for the present.

Peking is beflagged.

FROM THE PULPIT.

Cities of Greece: 3 Athens.

Notes of a sermon preached by the Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie at the Union Church on Sunday morning:—

Text. Acts 17/22. "Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that you are a most religious people. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found even an altar with this inscription. 'To an unknown God.' What therefore ye worship though ye know it not, this set I forth unto you." It is a mistake, though not uncommon, to speak of ancient Athens as an agnostic city. The altar to an unknown deity did not express the belief of modern agnosticism that God is wholly unknown, still less that He is unknowable. It rather betokened the instinct of the human spirit and everywhere to feel after God if haply it may find Him. It is probably a pathetic indication of the confusion into which the worship of many Gods brings the human mind. The distracted worshipper never can be sure which of the numberless powers above him he has offended, so he adds to the list of all he can name an invocation to "whatever other God or Goddess there may be," to quote the well-known formula of classic days, employed especially on occasions of danger or disaster. St. Paul recognised a genuine piety, so far as it went, in this altar to the unknown, and addressed his hearers with respect, but charging them with ignorance and superstition as our faulty translations give it, but crediting them with a will to worship so far as they had knowledge. He was alone in the city, whither he had been driven from Berea, and whilst waiting for his companions found his spirit stirred by beholding it "full of idols." Although singlehanded and unsupported he laboured he could not refrain from preaching, and in the course of this labour the incident occurred which marks this stage of the gospel story with a significance of its own. Certain of the Epicureans and Stoics," we read, "encountered him." These were in a way the Saducees and Pharisees of Greece, and their rival schools hold the field in thought and morals. The Epicurean believed little as to any other world than this, and sought to get the most out of the passing hour, not in all cases sensually but always self-indulgently. The Stoic had a nobler creed, but in cultivating indifference towards fortune he parted with sympathy toward his fellowmen, on whom indeed they self-sufficient Stoic could not but look with some contempt. But the preaching of the cross is based on duty and sympathy, and is therefore alien both to the indulgent Epicurean who lets the world go by and gets what he can out of it, and the Stoic whose very virtues lead to callousness. By St. Paul's time both these systems had suffered degradation, and probably there was little more than superficial curiosity in the command to this "babbler" as they called him to explain his teaching. Whatever the motives the Christian Apostle saw his opportunity and read in that inscribed altar a witness to the unsatisfied longing in the human heart for a closer knowledge of the unseen power which was dimly discoursed and worshipped. The city was indeed "full of idols" as certain satirist of the day once said that in Athens it was easier to find a god than a man, so incredibly numerous were the shrines, temples and statues. No such statuary as that of the Greek sculptor, has it is said, ever been produced. It abounded in Athens, in marble, bronze, ivory, gold, including at least one image believed to have come down from heaven. The Apostle has been criticised for seeing nothing in all this artistic glory but so many idols. The assumption that he saw nothing more in it is gratuitous, and it is easy from the detached modern point of view to take his attitude for so much Philistinism, but we have abundant evidence from writers of that time as to what all the artistic glory translated itself into the religion and morals of the people. The similitudes of the gods were indeed fashioned "after the beauty of a man," but there was no beauty of holiness in the characters of these gods after which a man might shape his life. The very worship of them was hopelessly mixed up with licentiousness, and we have it from two of the wisest philosophers of that time that "no other result could possibly be produced, than that all shame on account of sin should be removed from men if they worshipped such gods as those." It is true, doubtless, that in no country does popular religion rise to the ideal, and Christianity is not an exception to the rule. But however far short popular Christianity may come the least instructed Christian knows at anyrate that God is one, that He is holy, just and true, and that he himself ought to be the same. If the Russian peasant prays before a picture it is at anyrate the picture of a saint, and not a profligate. If the Italian or Spaniard kneels before an image of the Virgin it is at least an image suggesting purity and consecration and never can be degraded into anything else. Far short the Christian populace may come but there remains this tremendous and fruitful difference between it and all Heathendom, that never from first to last has any form of Christianity set men and women worshipping deified personifications of their own corrupt imaginations. No matter how sublime the skill which carved the images of Venus or Bacchus or Mars they stood to the public gaze for the glorification of the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. All this, which is notorious and indisputable, stood behind the Christian missionary's affirmation to his Athenian audience that we ought not to think that the Godhead is "like unto gold or silver or stone, graven by art or device of man." The hearers may well have known this in their hearts, but when the preacher went on to speak of repentance and the resurrection and judgment to come, he was met by the mockery and procrastination which have been the abuse of countless opportunities and the ruin of numberless souls from the beginning until now, when their hateful work still accompanies the preaching of the word of life, which was and is a savour of life to those who will receive it, and of death to those whom the god of this world has blinded. However the preaching is never wholly in vain. Even in Athens there were some who received the truth, two of whom are named, showing in their vanity of condition that God is no Areopagite, a distinguished citizen, legislator, leader, showing that with God all things are possible, even that persons of distinction should enter the Kingdom of Heaven. One was "a woman named Damaris," of whom from her presence in a public place in a Greek city it is no uncharity to suppose that she had no character to lose. But there was a character to re-gain, and where else in the world could such as she have re-gained it than under the shelter of the Christian Saviour? "And certain others with them," known neither for having gained distinction nor lost character, samples of average humanity, every heart knowing its own bitterness, every life with its own hope and its own need, and everyone welcoming the truth that the "God Who made the world" and Who is the Creator and Preserver of all men has sent forth His Son to lead us to Himself, away from the idolatries and the darkness into which we wander, and into the light of eternal life. We hear more about Athens in the gospel story. There are no letters from the Apostle to any church established there. A meagre result? Well we can rarely judge rightly of results or say by what distant turning of the tide bread cast upon the waters may return, or in what form. But we do know that "Blessed are they who sow beside all waters," blessed is the disciple whom his Lord when he cometh shall find, not only waiting with patience, but, like brave and faithful Paul, doing the while with his might what his hand findeth to do.

Jumped Overboard to Evade Capture.

A Chinese was charged before Mr Haselend, at the Police Court this afternoon, with possessing 295lbs of Persian opium and 15 taels of prepared opium of the total value of $4,000. It was stated that the opium was found on a sampan which was seen to leave the s.s. Antilochus. A party from the Water Police who were watching gave chase, but before they could get up to the sampan the crew of four jumped overboard. Three managed to escape, but the remaining one, (the defendant), was captured. Mr. Otto Kong-ling, appeared for the defence, and the defendant was discharged.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

The China Light and Power Co., Ltd.

[VERBATIM.]

An ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., which was convened for Monday, December 6 and postponed until to-day, was held at the offices of Messrs Shewan, Tomes and Co., general managers, this morning.

Mr. R. Shewan presided, those also present being:—Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and Mr. H. P. White (Consulting Committee), and Messrs. J. A. Young, H. R. B. Hancock, H. F. Campbell, Tong Lai-chuan, R. Henderson, Tse Chun-ti, A. A. Cordeiro (shareholders) and T. Lasman (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting,

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—It was decided to postpone this meeting till to-day, as I was serving on a Jury last Monday. I can only trust that no one was inconvenienced by the delay.

If you have no objection, we will take the report and accounts now in your hands as read.

The balance at credit of working account this year is $24,606.18 as against $24,038 which, as showing no improvement, is on the face of it disappointing. But the improvement is there, nevertheless, as, in spite of the reduction in the number of residents in Kowloon which took place on the outbreak of hostilities, we have slightly increased the number of our consumers and our gross revenue was higher by about $8,000. Unfortunately, the European staff at the works underwent repeated changes, partly owing to men leaving for the front, so that the whole European staff there has been completely renewed. As a result of this, the greater part of the gain in revenue was offset by the extra expenditure of passages homewards and outwards, and other allowances. This will not be repeated this year, as our European staff is now on a much more satisfactory footing and we do not anticipate any more such expensive charges.

We propose to appropriate the balance of the $19,241.59 of credit to the Profit and Loss Account after writing $14,000 off the book value of the machinery, $5,000 of the lines, leaving a balance of $24,059 to be carried forward. Acting on the advice of our auditors, we have incorporated this writing-off in the present balance sheet, instead of including it in next year's account, as was the former practice. But, of course, if this allocation of profits does not meet with your approval, it can be altered at this meeting.

With regard to the turbine extension, this, I am glad to say, has made good progress during the year, and we have been very fortunate in succeeding in getting the plant completed and shipped from England. As the works which supply this machinery were in the hands of the Ministry of Munitions, you will understand that it was only by strenuous efforts on the part of our Agents in London and their Consulting Engineer, Mr. Meadham, that we finally got the plant finished and shipped off. With the exception of the turbines, all the plant, including the Babcock and Wilcox boilers, the pumps, economiser and pipe work, and the cable to the docks, is now completed. The turbines, I am glad to say, are now due by the Tydeus, and we hope to have everything ready to supply current from same sometime in February.

The question of motor-buses, to which I referred at our last meeting, has made no progress and I merely mention it to keep it before you.

As to the coming year, I am very hopeful. In our new Superintendent, Mr. Ireland, we have a very energetic man, and he is now endeavouring to popularise the use of motors by the small factories and other power consumers in Kowloon to which we shall be able to supply current at favourable rates as soon as the turbines arrive. Not only that, our ordinary revenue for the past three months is already considerably above the last year's average, and of course, this will be very greatly increased when we are able to supply power and light under our contract with the Dock Company.

The Chairman:—As there are no questions, I beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Sir Paul Chater:—I second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Sir Paul Chater that the report and accounts be adopted. Those in favour? Against? That is carried.

Mr. Hancock:—I beg to propose that Sir Paul Chater, C. M. G., and Mr. H. P. White be re-elected on the Consulting Committee.

Mr. Campbell:—I second that.

The Chairman:—Those in favour? Carried unanimously.

Mr. Young:—I propose that Messrs. F. Maitland and A. R. Lowe be re-elected auditors.

Mr. Tong Lai-chuan:—I second.

The Chairman:—Those in favour? That is carried. That is all the business, gentlemen, and I am much obliged to you for you attendance.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the Company's offices, Queen's Buildings, Mr. S. H. Dodwell presiding. The other directors present were Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Mr. A. S. Sorensen, Mr. D. W. Craddock, and Mr. H. P. White. There were also present Mr. R. M. Dyer, (General Manager), Messrs. J. W. Graham, T. F. Hough, C. D. Wilkinson, C. F. de Carvalho, A. R. Austin, Chau Sai-ki, H. Humphreys, W. E. Clarke, E. D. Haskell, A. R. Lowe, Sidney Michael, H. Percy Smith, J. H. N. Mody and Wong Sin-tai (shareholders).

The Chairman:—As it is now past the hour for which the meeting is called, I will ask the General Manager to read the notice convening the meeting.

The General Manager having read the notice, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—This meeting has been called for three purposes:—To sanction an increase of the Company's Capital, to approve the proposal of the Board to make a Debenture issue of $2,000,000 and to adopt new Articles.

The increase of capital and the issue of debentures can conveniently be dealt with at the same time.

As you must all be aware, conditions at present in the shipbuilding and ship repairing industries are such as to warrant the dock-yards of the world anticipating several years of great activity. As far as your own Company is concerned, we have already entered into contracts for the building of eight new steamers, and I think it is fairly safe to assume that later on we shall obtain a further share in replacing the wastage of tonnage, which is now being caused by the war. In these circumstances your Directors consider it desirable to make a further issue of capital, so that they may be in as free a position as possible to take advantage of opportunities that may arise in the future.

You will notice that the new shares offered to shareholders must be accepted by the 31st December, 1915. After that date the offer of the new shares, if not accepted, will be deemed to be declined and the right to accept the new shares will lapse.

The offer will be made to the shareholders on the register to-morrow and the register will close to-day. A reminder of this has been advertised since the 1st inst. The new shares, if accepted in due time, can either be paid for on acceptance or on or before the 29th February, 1916. This will give Home shareholders time to make arrangements to take up the shares they have accepted.

If the resolution is passed, the Directors, in response to applications which have been made, are prepared to extend the time for acceptance to the 29th February in the case of all shareholders who are not present in Hongkong to-morrow.

If payment is made after the 31st December, interest at the rate of six per cent. must be paid from the 1st January until payment. If payment is not made by the 29th February the shares which have been accepted will be liable to forfeiture. As soon as the shareholders on the register to-morrow are ascertained, letters will be sent offering to such shareholders the new shares they are entitled to. Shareholders who wish to renounce their right to the new shares will be given an opportunity of doing so. I would emphasise the necessity for acceptances and renunciations to be sent in on or before the 31st instant, save where an extension will be allowed as before indicated.

The proposed debenture issue is desirable for the same reasons as those I have given you in respect of the increase of capital.

The Directors have power to arrange for this issue without consulting the shareholders, but they have taken advantage of this meeting to give the members the opportunity of approving their proposals and will be glad to know that they commend themselves to the shareholders. The debentures are to be registered and secured by a trust deed and the security offered is the Company's property and docks and floating plant. The Directors have satisfied themselves that they will be able to place the debentures to the extent of $1,000,000 and probably more. They will be pleased to receive applications from shareholders desirous of taking up debentures, and such applications should be sent in before the 29th February next.

I will now formally move the necessary resolutions:—

(1.)—That the Capital of the Company be increased to $3,000,000 by the creation of 10,000 additional shares of $50 each.

(2.)—That the Directors be authorised to offer the said 10,000 additional Shares at a premium of $10 per Share to each Member on the Register of Members on the 14th day of December, 1915, in the proportion of one New Share for every complete number of Five Shares which such Member is the Registered Holder of on that date and upon the footing (unless the Directors shall otherwise determine) that Shareholders shall be given the option of paying the full amount of each share taken up plus the premium (making together $60 per Share) to the Company on acceptance of the offer or of paying such amount on or before the 29th February, 1916, with interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum from (and including) the 1st January, 1916, until payment and that if any Shareholder fails to pay the full amount due on any Shares accepted by him (including premium and interest) on or before the 29th February, 1916, such Shares may be forfeited by the Directors and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined to the 31st December, 1915, and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the Shares not accepted in response to such offer to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company and that forfeited Shares shall become the property of the Company and may be sold, reallotted or otherwise disposed of by the Directors in such manner as they think fit.

(3.)—That such additional shares shall not participate in any Dividend declared in March, 1916, in respect of profit accrued up to the 31st December, 1915, but shall participate in any Dividend declared thereafter pro rata with the existing capital.

(4.)—That no Member shall be entitled to an offer of any fraction of an Additional Share in respect of any Number of Shares less than five held by him.

(5.)—That the Directors be empowered to dispose of all additional shares which members are not entitled to have offered to them to such persons upon such terms and conditions and at such times as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

(6.)—That the proposed exercise by the Directors of the power of borrowing vested in them by the creation of a debenture issue of $2,000,000 bearing interest at Six per cent., of which $1,000,000 is to be offered for subscription forthwith and the balance is to be dealt with in such manner as the Directors may in the present or future determine be and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be left to raise and secure the repayment of such debentures in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as they think fit with liberty, if they think fit to deposit any of such debentures with the Company's Bankers on such terms as they think fit as security for any indebtedness of the Company to its Bankers either present or future.

Mr. Hough:—Gentlemen I have much pleasure in seconding the resolutions before the meeting.

The Chairman:—The resolutions have been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Hough, and are now before the meeting for discussion.

If any member would like to ask any questions, I will answer them to the best of my ability. There being no questions, I beg to put the resolution to the meeting. Those in favour will kindly signify. Those against? Carried unanimously.

The Chairman:—Gentlemen, —The resolutions for the increase of capital and issue of debentures being duly passed, I will pass on the resolution for the adoption of new Articles. As you are probably aware, representations have recently been made to the Directors concerning them and a discussion is proceeding out of which it is hoped an agreement will be reached. In the meantime it is necessary to adjourn the meeting to enable the discussion to be concluded, and, with your sanction, I accordingly beg to propose that the meeting be adjourned to a date to be hereafter notified to shareholders, due notice of which will be given.

Mr. Wilkinson:—I beg to second.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Wilkinson that the resolution concerning the alteration in the articles be adjourned. I put that to the meeting. Those in favour? Those against? Carried. That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you.

WAR TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 5.)

THE RUSSIANS.

December 12, 4.05 a.m.

The Petrograd communique reports that there is no change on the Western (Russian) front. Three Russian torpedo boats fought and sank two Turkish gunboats and also a large sailing ship near the island of Kephken, east of the Bosphorus, on Friday.

[The following telegrams appeared in our special edition of yesterday:—]

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

December 11, 3.15 a.m.

The Italian steamer Dante Alighieri has been sunk.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that the Standard Oil Company's tank steamer Petrolite, which was recently attacked by a submarine in the Mediterranean, has arrived at Algiers.

December 11, 1.40 p.m.

The Norwegian steamer Nereus has been sunk, the mate being drowned.

December 11, 2.35 p.m.

The British steamer Buiris has been sunk, and the crew landed at Alexandria.

THE FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

December 11, 3.15 a.m.

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs to the effect that the Turco-Germans and the rebel gendarmes defeated in Persia numbered several thousand, with artillery and machine guns.

They were driven from a series of positions halfway between Teheran and Hamadan, losing many killed and wounded.

December 11, 1.40 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that, according to a telegram from Teheran, the Russian occupation of Sultan Bulak Pass caused a panic at Hamadan.

Bakhtiaris surrounded the house of a German agitator, Dr. Pujen, and demanded the money he had collected. Dr. Pujen sought the protection of the gendarmes, but finally he had to take refuge in a mosque.

The German and Turkish Consuls fled, while inhabitants of the town, who have been telegraphing to the Government demanding a declaration of war against Russia, have gone to the telegraph office to cancel their signatures at Ispahan.

December 11, 3.50 p.m.

Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says the Teheran newspapers are filled with details of the Russian victory at Hamadan.

The Europeans, Armenians and Russophile Persians are exulting, while the anti-Russians are dismayed.

LIVES OR DOLLARS.

December 11, 3.15 a.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent states that, in the Senate, Mr. Hoke Smith proposed a resolution asking for an investigation into belligerent interference with neutral trade.

Senator Lodge moved an amendment, asking for an investigation of the bomb plots and submarine attacks involving American lives.

Senator Lodge was cheered when he said American lives were more important than American dollars.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 11, 1.05 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica states that there was a complete calm on Thursday and early on Friday morning along the Allied front. The retirement is proceeding in good order.

The political situation is engrossing attention.

December, 11, 5.40 p.m.

A Bulgarian communique dated the 8th inst. asserts that 400 British were captured with the guns mentioned yesterday.

The communique adds that the French retirement is already reported, accompanied by desperate fighting, the French leaving dead and wounded belonging to eight different regiments. The French only left Gradetz after terrible street fighting all night.

GREECE AND THE BALKANS.

December 11, 1.55 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that the Ministers of the Entente have presented a fresh Note to M. Skouloudis, after which a meeting of the Greek Cabinet was immediately held.

December 11, 6.45 a.m.

The *Times* correspondent at Athens has received from M. Venizelos a statement of his policy in reply to the recent interview with King Constantine. M. Venizelos says the Graeco-Serbian Treaty is absolutely binding on Greece; moreover, it was a great political mistake for Greece to abandon Serbia, whose existence was necessary to preserve the Balkan equilibrium. King Constantine, by refusing to sanction intervention, had enforced the resignation of Ministers who enjoyed the confidence of the people, this being contrary to the Constitution.

M. Venizelos says it is untrue that he favours a Republic, but that no Divine Right exists in Greece. M. Venizelos emphasises the point that his party was forced to abstain in the approaching elections, because the mobilisation of 53 Venizelist deputies would extinguish his majority in Parliament. He says that the Greek people fully understand the situation and are only awaiting the termination of the foreign crisis in order to make their voices heard.

The above statement was submitted to King Constantine, who said he disagreed with it but desired it to be published.

December 11, 2.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Rome states that enemy airmen have dropped bombs on Ancona, two people being killed and some wounded.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 11, 5.15 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent, a communique says that the night has been quiet except in Champagne, where, notwithstanding the persistence of rain, there were sharp fusillades and torpedo fighting.

Details regarding yesterday confirm the effectiveness of our artillery between the Oise and the Aisne.

On the Quennevieres plateau, in the Vendresse-Troyon district, German works have been seriously damaged.

WAR TELEGRAMS

MORE FIRES.

December 11, 1.40 p.m.

Half a million bushels of Canadain wheat, which were awaiting shipment to Entente countries at Erie, Pennsylvania, have been destroyed by fire. The cause is unknown.

Reuter's correspondent at Montreal states that a suspicious fire has occurred in the Grand Trunk Railway workshops. Fourteen hundred men have been thrown out of work in consequence of the loss of valuable machinery.

THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECHES.

December 11, 2.50 p.m.

The English papers ridicule Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's suggestion that the Allies are beaten. They proudly accept the foremost place he gives to Great Britain in the war of liberation, and declare that the best answer to his remarks concerning peace is to point to the recruiting stations, which are indicating that the country's manhood is marching freely and bravely to the sound of guns. The nation is only more determined, in face of the greater difficulties, in its resolution to conquer.

CONDUCT OF THE W-R.

December 11, 2.50 p.m.

The *Times* states that there is growing dissatisfaction among Members of Parliament, without distinction of party, at the Government's conduct of the war. Even the Labourites are asking for "more ginger." The unnatural calm of the few weeks past will not last long. Public opinion outside the Commons is growing sterner.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER SPEAKS.

December 11, 1.50 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Montreal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a speech delivered before a crowded Liberal meeting, said he was convinced that the victory would be secured by the Allies. He denounced a section of the Quebec Nationalists who did not favour Canada's participation in the war, and praised the leading Nationalist, Mr. Asselin, who was raising a regiment for Oversea service. He said the question had been asked why the Liberals did not attack the Government. The reason was, "because I am chief of the Liberal Party, and as long as I have the honour of presiding over its destinies, it will not seek to triumph by taking advantage of a pressing situation."

Referring to the attitude of America, Sir Wilfrid said the world understands that, if Germany triumphs, the United States will regret its neutrality, as Great Britain to-day regrets her neutrality in 1870.

THE BALKANS.

December 11, 2.35 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, the newspapers state that they do not doubt that the Allied War Councils have decided to remain at Salonica and to send necessary reinforcements to the Balkans.

The *Journal* says:—We wish to entrench at Salonica and to await the hour of the combined offensive of the Allies.

AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS.

December 11, 2.35 p.m.

Reuter's Melbourne correspondent states that the Commonwealth four and a half per cent. War Loan has reached the record quotation of 101½.

December 11, 2.35 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Sydney states that Mr. Hughes is confident that there will be no difficulty in raising an additional 50,000 men. The recruiting campaign will be in full swing next week.

THE BRITISH MISSION.

December 11, 6 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says it is officially announced that Sir Edward Grey, Earl Kitchener, M. Briand and M. Gallieni had another long conference this morning, when a question of an urgent character, justifying the visit of the British Ministers, was settled in complete accord.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 10, 3.25 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that fighting on the British front ceased on Wednesday, and all is quiet. The British casualties since Monday are not considerable, whereas the Bulgarians must have lost heavily.

A general retirement of the Allied troops has commenced.

THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

December 11, 3.15 a.m.

According to Reuter's Salonica correspondent it is reliably reported that two German Divisions, commanded by General von Gallwitz, occupied Ghevgeli this morning.

December 11, 11.20 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that the reported occupation of Ghevgeli is untrue.

December 11, 1.50 a.m.

A Paris communique states with regard to the Eastern Army, that when it was manifest that a junction with the right flank of the Serbian armies was impossible, it was decided to evacuate the French advanced positions on the Cerna and in the direction of Krivolak. The successive retirement movements were effected methodically and without great difficulty, notwithstanding Bulgarian attacks. Following violent actions on Wednesday and Thursday, in which the Bulgarians were repulsed and lost heavily, we occupied a new front on the Bojima river in conjunction with the British.

December 10, 3.25 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Athens, in Ministerial circles it is said that the Allied troops are withdrawing in perfect order, according to a pre-arranged plan, and that the Bulgarians will not be allowed to enter Greek territory.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

GEO. P. LAMMERT.
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THE Undersigned has received instruction from Captain F. F. Milner-Jones A.S.C. to sell by Public Auction on
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Notice is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Society No. 2 Queen's Buildings, Ice House Street, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on Monday the 20th day of December 1915 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Society held on the 4th day of December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—"That the Capital of the "Society be increased to $4,000,000 "(Four million Dollars) by the "creation of 3,600 (Three Thou"sand six hundred) additional "ordinary shares of $250 (Two "hundred and fifty Dollars) each "whereof $100 (One hundred "Dollars) shall be credited as "paid up ranking for dividend "and in all other respects pari "passu with the existing ordin"ary shares of the Society: and "that the said additional shares, "so far as shall be necessary for "the purpose be issued to those "Shareholders of the China Fire "Insurance Company, Limited, "who have accepted or shall "accept the Society's offer made "to them on the 4th day of "August, 1915—such issue being "in accordance with the terms of "a contract or memorandum in "writing made or to be made "pursuant to the said offer and "to be filed with the Registrar of "Companies: and that the "balance (if any) of the said "additional shares be disposed of "by the Society's Board of Direc"tors in such manner as such "Board shall think most bene"ficial to the Society."

2.—"That Article No. 9 of the "Society's Articles of Association "which now reads:—

"The Society shall have a first "and paramount lien upon all "the shares of any share"holder for all monies due to "the Society either from him "alone or jointly with any "other person and where a "share is held by more per"sons than one the Society "shall have a lien thereon in "respect of all monies so due "to it from all or any of the "holders thereof."

"be eliminated in its entirety "and that in lieu thereof the "following new Article be in"serted as Article No. 9:—

"9.—The Society shall have a "first and paramount lien "upon all the shares register"ed in the name of each "shareholder (whether solely "or jointly with others) and "upon the proceeds of sale "thereof for his debts liabili"ties and engagements, and "solely or jointly with any "other person, to or with the "Society, whether the period "for the payment, fulfilment, "or discharge thereof shall "have actually arrived or "not, and no equitable interest "in any share shall be creat"ed except upon the footing "and condition that Clause "34a hereof is to have full "effect. And such lien shall "extend to all dividends from "time to time declared in res"pect of such shares."

3.—"That after Article No. 34 "of the Society's Articles of As"sociation the following new "Article be inserted as Article "No. 34a:—

34a.—"Save as herein other"wise provided the Society "shall be entitled to treat the "registered holder of any "share as the absolute owner "thereof, and accordingly "shall not except as ordered "by a Court of competent "jurisdiction, or as by Or"dinance required, be bound "to recognise any equitable "or other claim to or interest "in such share on the part of "any other person, Firm, "Company or Corporation."

4.—"That the heading of Arti"cles Nos. 95 to 100 (inclusive) "of the Society's Articles of As"sociation reading 'the Secre"tary' be altered as to read "'the General Manager;' and "that in the last mentioned "Articles (Nos. 95 to 100 inclu"sive) wherever the word "'Secretary' appears such word "be eliminated and that in lieu "thereof the words 'General "Manager' be inserted."

5.—"That in the following "Articles Nos. 2, 7, 25, 36, 45, 47, "53, 55, 84, 94, 103 and 129 the "word 'Secretary' wherever it "occurs be eliminated and that "in lieu thereof the words "'General Manager' be inserted."

Dated this 4th day of December, 1915.

By Order of the Board.

C. MONTAGUE EDE,
Secretary.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited will be held at the Head Office of the Company No. 2 Queen's Buildings Ice House Street Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong on Monday the 20th day of December 1915 at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the the 4th December 1915 will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:—

1.—"That Article No. 9 of the "Company's Articles of Associa"tion which now reads:—

"The Company shall have a "first and paramount lien "upon all the shares of any "shareholder for all monies "due to the Company either "from him alone or jointly "with any other person, and "where a share is held by "more persons than one the "Company shall have a "lien thereon in respect of "all monies so due to it from "all or any of the holders "thereof."

"be eliminated in its entirety, "and that in lieu thereof the fol"lowing new Article be inserted "as Article No. 9:—

9.—"The Company shall have "a first and paramount lien "upon all the shares regis"tered in the name of each "shareholder (whether solely "or jointly with others) and "upon the proceeds of sale "thereof, for his debts liabili"ties and engagements, and "solely or jointly with any "other person, to or with the "Company, whether the per"iod for the payment, fulfil"ment or discharge thereof "shall have actually arrived "or not, and no equitable in"terest in any share shall be "created except upon the "footing and condition that "Clause 33a hereof is to have "full effect. And such lien "shall extend to all dividends "from time to time declared, "in respect of such shares."

2.—"That after Article No. 33 "of the Company's Articles of "Association the following new "Article be inserted as Article "No. 33a:—

33a.—"Save as herein other"wise provided the Company "shall be entitled to treat the "registered holder of any "share as the absolute owner "thereof, and accordingly "shall not except as ordered "by a Court of competent "jurisdiction, or as by Ordi"nance required, be bound to "recognise any equitable or "other claim to or interest in "such share on the part of "any other person, firm, "Company or Corporation."

3.—"That the heading of Arti"cles Nos. 94 to 99 (inclusive) "of the Company's Articles of "Association reading:—"the "Secretary" be altered so as to "read "the General Manager"; "and that in the last mentioned "Articles (Nos. 94 to 99 inclusive) "wherever the word "Secretary" "appears such word be eliminat"ed and that in lieu thereof "the words "General Manager" be "inserted."

4.—"That in the following "Articles of the Company's Ar"ticles of Association, viz:—"Articles Nos. 2, 7, 24, 35, 44, 46, "52, 54, 83, 93, 102 and 128 the "word 'Secretary' wherever it "occurs be eliminated and that "in lieu thereof the words 'Gen"eral Manager' be inserted."

Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From KOBE, MOJI AND MANILA.

s.s. "SHINYO MARU."

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 8th. Dec. at Noon, will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all Goods remaining undelivered on 12th December at noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Godown, where they will be examined on 12th December at 10 a.m.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after 20th December, 1915.

K. DOI,
Actg. Agent.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1915

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and SHANGHAI.

s.s. "NIPPON MARU"

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 8th December at 5 p.m landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all goods remaining undelivered on 13th December at noon.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected,

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 15th December at 10 a.m.

No Claim will be recognised if filed after 20th December 1915.

K. DOI,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 7th December 1915.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by:—

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Hongkong, December, 6th 1915.

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TIME TABLE

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8.00 A.M. to	10.00 A.M.	"	20	Min.
10.00 A.M. to	11.00 A.M.	"	15	Min.
11.30 A.M. to	12.45 P.M.	"	15	Min.
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1.15 P.M. to	2.15 P.M.	"	15	Min.
2.15 P.M. to	5.15 P.M.	"	10	Min.
5.15 P.M. to	6.00 P.M.	"	15	Min.
6.00 P.M. to	8.10 P.M.	"	20	Min.

NIGHT CARS.

8.30 P.M. and 9 P.M. and 10.30 P.M. to 11.30 P.M. every half hour.

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10.30 A.M. to	12.00 A.M.	"	20	Min.
12.30 P.M. to	12.00 Noon	"	15	Min.
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5.00 P.M. to	6.00 P.M.	"	10	Min.
6.00 P.M. to	7.00 P.M.	"	15	Min.
7.00 P.M. to	8.30 P.M.	"	20	Min.

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LIST OF PASSENGERS.

Per P. and O. steamer Arabia. From London November 13.—To Hongkong: Mr W G Clarke, Miss Ferry, Miss F N Cooper, Mrs Foulds and child, Mr and Mrs G Willis and 4 children, Miss J E Fernie.

Per P. and O. steamer Moldavia. From London November 27.—To Hongkong: Rev. S. N. Norton, Mr and Mrs C F Aires and 4 children, Mr W Barbour, Mrs Lachlan, child and amah.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Suwa Maru. From London Nov. 6. To Hongkong: Mrs and Miss Main, Mr and Mrs Weir, Mr and Mrs T R Wolff and 2 children, Mrs P Hodgson, Mr and Mrs Brown, Mr Grist, Mr and Mrs G H Moore-Mead, Capt F Wheeler, Rev and Mrs Ferguson, Mr A J Poole, Mr and Mrs J T Smalley and 2 children, Mrs and Miss E Roberts Mrs Knight and infant, Miss Stewart, Mrs Mathews and child, Miss Westgate.

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Atsuta Maru. From London November 20.—To Hongkong: Mr G Worby, Mr and Mrs Findley Smith, Mr H E Spencer-Payne, Mr Jas Spiers.

Per N.Y.K. steamer Yasaka Maru. From London December 4.—To Hongkong: Mr L Leslie, Mrs V J Tartarin and 5 children, Miss V Tartarin, Miss H Tartarin, Mr., Mrs and Miss L Lacroix, Mrs Bishop.

CHRISTMAS

AT THE

HONGKONG HOTEL

At the request of several patrons of the Hotel the Management has arranged a series of dances to be held during Christmas Week open to residents and diners in the Hotel. These will take place on the following nights.—

CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.
BOXING DAY
MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.
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FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L. A. WATSON and Officers the Band of the 74th Punjabis under Bandmaster Christian will be in attendance.

Special menus will be served in the Grill Room at $3.50 per head and in the Main Dining Room at $2.50 per head.

Table accommodation can be reserved at the Hotel Main Office.

The Hotel Launch will leave Blake Pier each night for Kowloon after dance.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager.

COMMERCIAL.

Oil Boring in South Australia.

Adelaide Nov. 6.—Mr. Francis J. Wallis, a Sydney broker, has acquired five square miles of land in Mount Benson district, from Mr. W. E. Thomas, of Adelaide. The purchase was made with the object of floating a company for the purpose of boring for oil. Specimens of paraffin wax, which burnt readily, have been obtained from the property Dr. H. Basedow, who examined the samples, considered them to be the best yet brought under his notice, and claimed that they further indicated that there were considerable chances of oil-bearing discoveries in South Australia. Mr. Thomas claims to be the only holder of property on which paraffin wax has been found.

Shanghai Piece Goods.

Shanghai, December 4.—The piece goods market during the week has been of a rather brisker nature. A slightly larger quantity of goods was offered at the auctions and sales were quickly effected, although prices did not realise any advance over the previous week, in fact, in some instances they declined a little. It was anticipated that the abnormal rise in exchange would have adversely affected the market, but such was not the case; the conditions were generally steady to firm and clearances fairly good. At Yuenfong a slightly larger quantity was offered. Black goods, for some chops were in strong demand at increased prices, while others barely managed to maintain last week's prices. Greys and whites were both weak, and at the close the whole of the sale showed an average decline of about a quarter of a mace. Kungping offered about fifty cases in excess of last week which met with a ready sale at about last week's rates, the demand for Tientsin and the north generally being improved and strong. At Ewo, woollens were steady to firm, blacks firm, whites steady, while greys were slightly down. Deliveries rather poor.

Photographic Materials and the War.

That the war is affecting trade in many directions is becoming increasingly apparent every day. Although some branches of trade experienced a falling off in business soon after the outbreak of hostilities, there were others that were able to carry on as usual for a longer time. But even these are now beginning to feel the effects of the abnormal situation. The photographic business is the latest to be drawn into the vortex of the general depression. The shortage of raw material in England, restricted transport facilities and other causes have contributed to the present unsatisfactory state of affairs. There has been a rise in the price of photographic materials, particularly of the various papers known as P.O.P., bromide, and platinotype. Originally large quantities of bromide paper used to come from Germany, but since the stoppage of supplies from that country, Great Britain has been able to capture the market, although prices are higher than those of Germany. Gaslight paper and self toning paper have also gone up in price. Plates are not to be had as cheaply as before, but are readily obtainable from British sources. The price of films, however, has not been much affected, as this article comes chiefly from America via England. The scarcity in chemicals at one time threatened to be a serious matter owing to the cessation of German supplies. But British firms were able to make up the deficiency, and the only complaint of photographic dealers at present is the delay in the receipt of shipments. Orders placed for pyrogallic acid, sodium carbonate, and potassium permanganate by some local firms took as many as six months to execute. Other chemicals directly obtained from England are citric acid, ammonia, gold chloride, potassium bromide, sodium hyposulphite, etc.

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COMMERCIAL.

Shanghai Cotton Market.

Mr. A. B. Rosenfeld's Cotton Market Report for the week ending 2nd December, 1915, is as follows:—China Cotton:—Since my last circular was issued the situation remains practically unchanged, though at the close a fair business is reported at current rates. A considerable amount of uncertainty still prevails as to the future trend of the market and whilst it would be hazardous to give any decided opinion one way or the other, for the present it looks that prices have touched bottom. One must not, however, overlook the fact that the stagnancy in yarn circles and activity in silver will more or less restrain a bullish movement. Tone of the market, Quiet.

Opening South China Coal Fields.

There is a very fair prospect for the development of some of the coal fields of South China, especially within Hongkong's trade territory, on a modern basis. At several localities along the West and North Rivers near Canton, coal fields have been worked in native fashion for some time, and the output has come to amount to a considerable volume. A mining expert, reports the United States Consul General at Hongkong, has had occasion to look into one of these fields in the past few weeks, with a view to development along modern lines, and gives some facts of interest. The property examined is situated on the North River, about 160 miles from Canton, the actual mine being located about a mile from the river on the right bank. The survey for the Canton-Hankow railway lines crosses the property. The property occupies broken ground, embracing two lines of hills of considerable height. The native workings are located from 800 to 1,000 ft. up the side of one of these ranges, and the seam has been followed down for about 400 ft. The seam ranges about 9 ft. in thickness. The native method of working is extremely wasteful, and also extremely dangerous, even where the seam is so plainly exposed as it is in the case of the one worked. On this property there are three seams, one about 9 ft. in thickness. Whilst, owing to the broken nature of the country, it is impossible to see whether or not there are faults in the seams, the general indications are that there are none. The region is essentially coal country; the predominating rock is limestone intermixed with layers of sandstone and slates. Millions of tons of coal are actually in sight. The Government analyst in Hongkong reports on the analysis of a sample of this coal that 100 parts contain 0.80 per cent. of moisture, 17.60 per cent. of ash, 20.70 per cent. volatile combustible matter, and 60.90 per cent. of fixed carbon. The percentage of sulphur is placed at 1.2 per cent., and the calorific value is 12,830 British thermal units. The ash is greyish white in colour. The coke is of hard behaviour when burned, and burns with a fairly long flame. The matter of transportation has been one of the chief factors in opening such mines. The North River, where these coal seams are found, is too shallow for successful water transportation, and there is no economic means of transport at this time. It is anticipated, however, that the Canton-Hankow railway line will be completed to this district in about two years at the present rate of progress, that is, it can be completed to that point in that time out of the earnings of the portions of the road already completed and in operation. The completion of this line will not only immediately open this coal field, but it will also make other fields available for this Hongkong coal market and for export. The immediate need of these fields at present is modern machinery and capital for development. The capital needed for the development of the property examined is placed at about $150,000 gold, and apparently this may be taken as representative of various other fields. On the basis of this investment an output of 500 tons of coal per day is indicated.

SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS SA.—SALES B.—BUYERS N.—NOMINAL

STOCK.	To-day's Closing Prices	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid Up	1914. Highest		1914. Lowest		1915. Highest Since 14th May. to now	1915. Lowest. Since 14th May. to now	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.											
H'kong & Shai Banking Corp.	$800 / £73/10/-	100,000	$125	all	855	July.	700	Oct.	845 x div.	790 c. div.	£2/3/- at 1/9 5/16 equal to $24.21 for ½ year 30/6/15
Marine Insurances.											
Canton Insurance Office, Ld.	425 b.	10,000	$250	50	550	Dec.	305	Oct.	425	360	Final of $4 a/c 1913. Interim of $18 a/c 1914.
North China Ins. Co., Ld. t.	177½ b.	10,000	£15	£5	145	May	133	Jan.	175	160	Final of 12½ p.c. making 25 p.c. for 1914
Union Ins. Society of Ctn., Ld.	$910	12,100	$250	100	847½	April	700	Oct.	$972	$855	Final of $20 and bonus of $5 making $55 for 1913 and Interim of $30 for 1914
Yangtsze Ins. Assoc. Ld.	$280	12,000	$100	60	210	April	192½	Jan.	270	225	Final of $15 mak. $18 for 1913 & Int. of $3 for 1914
Fire Insurances.											
China Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$152½ b.	20,000	$100	20	160	July	140	Oct.	162	130	$9 for 1913
H'kong Fire Ins. Co., Ld.	$415 s.	8,000	$250	50	395	Feb.	368	April	420	385	$27 for 1913
Shipping.											
Douglas Steamship Co., Ld.	$92½ s.	20,000	$50	all	36	Mar.	27½	Nov.	94	45	$4½ for year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong, C. & M.S.S. Co., Ld.	19¾ b.	80,000	$15	all	29¼	Jan.	22	Dec.	23	19	Final of 40 cts. making 90 cts. for year ending 31.12.14
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld.	Combined $154 b. / Deferred $92½ b. / Preferred $61½ b.	60,000 / 60,000	£5	all.	79	Jan.	50	Sept.	159	96	6 p.c. on p. s. & 3 p.c. on d.s. for year 1914, a quoted ex 9 p.c. div in H.K. from 29.9.15, an interim div. of 6 p.c. on the combined s. paid in London 23.9.15 quoted ex div. in H.K. 1.12.15.
Shell Tport & Trading Co. Ld.	85/- b.	3,797,610	£1	al	106/-	Feb.	70/-	Sept.	90/- x div.	82/- x div.	Final of 5/- (Coupon No 24) making 7/- for 1914
Star Ferry-Company, Ld.	$373	40,000	$10	al.	49	Mar.	40	Nov.	39	32	$1.50 per share and bonus of 40 cents per share for year ending 30.4.15
Refineries.											
China S. Refining Co., Ld.	$127 b.	20,000	$100	all	96½	Feb.	70	Nov.	134	111	$3 for 1912
Luzon S. Refining Co., Ld.	$36½	7,000	$100	all	33½	Jan.	17	Dec.	46	27½	$3 for 1897
Mining.											
Kailan Mining Admin'tion.	30/-	1,000,000	£1	all	41/-	Feb.	33/6	Dec.	33/6	30/-	Interim of 1/- account year ending 30.6.15 (Coupon No. 5.)
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	3½ s.	200,000	£1	all	3.10	Jan.	1.90	Nov.	4	3½	1/2 for 1909
Tronoh Mines Ltd.	27/- b.	160,000	£1	all	39/-	Feb.	19/6	Nov.	32/6	25/- b.	1/- interim a/c 1915 paid 12.7.15
Ural Caspians	36/6 s.	796,666	£1	all	56/6		21/3		41	37/6	1/- interim 1915
Docks, Wharves and Godowns &c.											
H'kong & K.W. & G. Co., Ld.	$77 b.	60,000	$50	all	89	Jan.	73	Nov.	81½	68	$3.50 for year 1914
H'kong & W'poa D. Co., Ld.	$83 b.	50,000	$50	all	77	Jan.	53	Oct.	88½	57	$3 dividend for year 1914
Shai Dock & Eng. Co., Ld.	61	55,700	t. 100	all	60	July	50	Dec.	63½	49 ex div.	Tls. 3 for year ending 30.4.15
Shai & H'kew W. Co., Ld.	98	36,000	t. 100	all	109	Jan.	82½	Dec.	93½	80	Tls. 5 for 1914
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.											
Anglo French Lands	t.94	13,000	t.100	t.100	—		—		94	94	Tls. 6½ for year ending 29.2.14
H'kong Hotel Co., Ld.	$108 b.	20,000	$50	50	128	July	120	Dec.	116	112	$2.50 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Land Investment Co.	$103½ n.	50,000	$100	all	117½	July	98	Nov.	111 x div.	108	$3½ for ½ year ending 30.6.15
H'phreys Estate & F. Co., Ld.	$6½ b.	150,000	$10	all	9¼	Jan.	7	Nov.	7½	6.10	45 cents for year 1914
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ld.	$40 b.	6,000	$50	50	45½	Jan.	44	Feb.	40	40	$3 for 1914
Shanghai Lands	t.105 b.	78,000	t.50	all	98	Dec.	89	Oct.	106	101	Dividend of 6 p.c. for ½ year ending 30.6.15
West Point Building Co., Ld.	$73 b.	12,200	$50	all	73	June	66	Feb.		70	$2 for half year ending 30.6.15
H'kong Central Estates	$102 s.	10,000	$100	all	—		—		103	100	$4.09 for 7 months ending 31.12.14
Cotton Mills.											
Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co., Ld.	$160	20,000	t.50	all	138	July	125	May	180	152½	Tls. 12 for year ending 31.10.14
Kung Yik	$15 s.	75,000	t.10	all	14½	Jan.	11	Mar.	17	13¾	Tls. 1.20 for year ending 30.11.14
Laou Kung Mow	78	8,000	t.100	all	110	Feb.	70	May.	89 b.	80	Tls. 12 for 1913
Shanghai Cottons	t.86	40,000	t.50	all	135	Feb.	70	Nov.	105	90	Dividend of Tls. 7½ for year ending 30.6.15
Yangtszepoos	t.6¾ n.	175,000	t.5	all	—	—	—	—	6¾	6¾	
Miscellaneous.											
China Borneo Company, Ld.	$10¼	60,000	$10	all	12	May	10	Dec.	10	10	85 cents for 1914
China Light & Power Co., Ld.	$4½ b.	80,000	$5	all	4.90	July	4	April	4¼	4¼	6% for year ending 28.2.06
Do. (Spec. shares)		50,000	$1	all	—		—		—	—	
China Provt. L. & M. Co., Ld.	9.80 s	125,000	$10	all	9	Jan.	7	Nov.	10.10	8.00	70 cts. for 1914
Dairy Farm Company, Ld.	$30 s.	40,000	7½	6	39	June	35	Aug.	34	31	$1.25 for year ending 31.7.15
Green Island Cement Co. Ld.	9.45 sa.	400,000	$10	all	6.90	Jan.	5	Dec.	11	6.70	50 cts. for 1914.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ld.	$44½ s.	60,000	$10	all	49	Jan.	36	Nov.	45	39	$2.00 per share for 1914
Hongkong Ice Co., Ld.	$190 n.	6,500	$25	all	217½	July	174	Dec.	190	184	Interim of $2 account 1915
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ld.	$34 s.	60,000	$10	all	25	June	22	Apr.	42½	25	Interim $1 for ½ year ending 30.6.15
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	5¼ b	325,000	5/-	all	3/-	July	7/-	Feb.	5.90	4.80	$10% for 1914
Langkats	t.36	250,000	$10	all	64½	Mar.	28	Dec.	42	36¾	Interim of Tls. 1 making Tls. 2 a/c 1913
Peak Tramway Co., Ld. (Old)	$10 b.	25,000	$10	all	10½	Jan.	9¼	June	10	9	70 cts. on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on $1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.15
Do (New)	85 cts. b.	50,000	$10	$1.	93 cts.	Jan.	75 cts.	Dec.	$1	80 cts.	
Philippines Ld.	$4 b.	75,000	$10	all	—		—		4	4	None
H. Price & Co., Ld.	$5	12,000	$10	10	—		—		5	5	$1.50 for 1910
Societe des Pulpes et Papieries du Tonkin	$20	13,200	$50	all	—		—		20	20	None
Steam Laundry Co., Ld.	$3¾	20,000	$5	all	5.00	June	4	Nov.	3¾	3.00	25 cts. for year ending 31.5.15
Union Water-boat Co., Ld.	$16 s.	27,723	$10	all	22¼	Feb.	17	Jan.	18	16	$1.00, per share for year ending 31.12.1914
Watson and Co., Ld.	$6.40 b.	90,000	$10	all	8¾	April	6.90	Dec.	6.90 x div.	6¼ x div.	60 cts. for 1914
William Powell, Limited	$5 s.	21,000	$5	all	9½	Jan.	6½	Dec.	7	6	50 cts. on old shares and 25 cts. on new year shares for year ending 30.6.14
S. C. Morning Post	$29 b.	6,000	$25	all	30	June	92	Dec.	29	29	$1.50 for 1914

LATEST RUBBER QUOTATIONS.

Anglo-Java Estates Ltd. Tls. 12.70 sellers.
Anglo-Dutch Tls. 6 sellers.
Linggis 14/9 buyers 15/6 sellers.
Nordanals 18/6 buyers 18/9 sellers.
Ayer Panas (Straits) $6.80 buyers.
Balgownies (Straits) $3½ buyers.
Changkat Serdangs (Straits) $6.75 buyers.
Kempas (Straits) $4.40 buyers.
Malaka Pindas (Straits) $1.90 buyers.
Malakoffs (Straits) $3.45 buyers.
Sandycrofts (Straits) $7.00 buyers.
Pajam (Straits) $13.00 buyers.
New Serendah $2.40 buyers.

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EXCHANGE.

13th Dec.

Selling		Buying	
T/T	1/11 1/8	T/T Bombay	
Demand	1/11 3/16	Demand Bombay	145
30 d/s	1/11 1/4	T/T Calcutta	
60 d/s	1/11 3/8	Demand Calcutta	145
4 m/s	1/11 7/16	Demand Manila	89½ Nom.
T/T Shanghai	74½	T/T San F'co & N.Y.	45 1/4
Private 30 d/s sight		Demand, New York	45 3/8
T/T Singapore	82¾	T/T Java	110½
T/T Japan	90¼	T/T Marks	
T/T India	144½	Demand Germany	
Demand India	145	T/T Francs	2.68½
		Demand Paris	2.69
		On Haiphong	5¼% prem.
		On Saigon	5 "
		On Bangkok	80 "
		4 m/s. L/C	1/11 7/8
		4 m/s. D/P	2/-
		6 m/s. L/C	2/- 1/8
		30 d/s. S'ney & M.	2/-1/8
		30 d/s. San F'co & N.Y.	45¾
		4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
		4 m/s. Francs	2.79½
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WAR TELEGRAMS.

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THE BRITISH MISSION TO PARIS.

December 10, 3.35 p.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that President Poincare received Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener, who later lunched with him and the members of the Cabinet.

THE ALLIES IN THE WEST.

December 10, 4.50 p.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a communique states that the Germans have been thrown back beyond a crest south ward of Saint Souplet.

December 11, 1.50 a.m.

A Paris communique says that the French artillery is active, particularly in Artois, where two of the enemy's batteries have been silenced.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR'S SPEECHES.

December 10, 5.05 p.m.

Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says that the German Press appears to welcome warmly the Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag. The comments of the Press are summed up in the sentence:—"Germany would like peace—the sooner the better—if it brings what we absolutely want."

December 10, 5.05 p.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent says that the newspapers there see no chance of peace until the Allies have restored the freedom of the nations. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, if he had been frank, would have told the Germans that the war had been a failure, but Germany has created a situation in which she cannot discuss peace till she is exhausted.

NEW SPANISH MINISTRY.

December 10, 6.40 p.m.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent says that a Liberal Cabinet has been formed, the Premier being Count Romanones and the Foreign Secretary, Sr. Villanueva.

December 10, 11.25 p.m.

Reuter's Madrid correspondent says that the resignation of the Conservative Premier, Dr. Dato, owing to Parliamentary difficulties, led to the formation of a Liberal Cabinet under Count Romanones, who announces that he will adhere to the strictest neutrality toward all belligerents.

THE ITALIANS.

December 10, 6.40 p.m.

According to Reuter's Paris correspondent, a telegram from Rome says that Valona is strongly held by the Italian Army.

THE INCOME TAX.

December 10, 6.40 p.m.

At a large meeting in the City, attended by prominent representatives of the Dominions and India, a resolution was passed unanimously that the double, and sometimes treble, income-tax was unjust, inequitable, and contrary to Imperial interests, would cause the withdrawal of capital from the Dominions and Dependencies, and would restrict investment there. A strong committee was appointed to carry on the campaign, and a memorial will be circulated throughout the Empire. The belief is expressed that, if the case is put strongly to the proper quarters, redress will be secured.

A CREW'S SAFETY.

December 10, 6.40 p.m.

The captain and 23 men of the steamer Umeta have been landed at Algiers.

AMERICA AND AUSTRIA.

December 10, 10.15 p.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says that diplomatic relations with Austria are in danger of being broken off by the United States unless the urgent demands for the disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, and an assurance that there will be no repetition of the occurrence, are complied with.

SINKING OF GERMAN SUBMARINE.

December 10, 11.25 p.m.

Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg (Imperial Chancellor) in his second speech in the Reichstag, said that the pitch of the hate against Germany was shown in the Baralong case, in which a British warship murdered the helpless crew of a German submarine. The British Press Bureau to-night says that the circumstances of the destruction of a German submarine and crew by H.M.S. Baralong in August last were at present the subject of communication between the United States and British Governments. Therefore he did not propose to make a public statement at present, beyond repudiating the unwarranted charge preferred by the Imperial Chancellor.

THE GERMAN CONSPIRATORS.

December 11, 1.05 a.m.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says that Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, has informed Mr. Lansing that the German Naval and Military Attaches, Captain Boyed and Captain von Papen, have been recalled in accordance with the request of the American Government, and has asked that safe conduct be obtained for them.

BALKAN POLICY.

December 11, 6.45 a.m.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Mail* has been informed that the differences between France and Great Britain regarding the maintenance of the expedition to the Balkans have ceased to exist, an agreement having been reached after the arrival of Sir Edward Grey and Earl Kitchener. The first evidence of the unity of views is already seen in the new and more energetic attitude towards Greece. Now that it has been decided to retain Salonica, the Allies are resolved to dissipate doubts regarding King Constantine's intentions and probably a joint Note will be presented at Athens, demanding, clear and immediate answers to the propos's already submitted.

POST OFFICE.

PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA.

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MAILS DUE.

Siberia, Yokohama, 14th Dec.
Shanghai, Namur, 15th Dec.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY

Saigon—TONGHONG, 13th Dec. 3 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

American & Canada Mail.—Philippine Islands, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, United States, South America, and Canada via San Francisco and Kingdom via Canada.—Per NIPPON M., 14th Dec., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand and New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per TANGO MARU, 14th Dec. 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAITAN, 14th Dec. 1 p.m.

Straits, & India via Calcutta—Per LAISANG, 12th Dec. 2 p.m.

Saigon—Per DERWENT, 14th Dec. 2 p.m.

Australian Mail.—Shanghai, North China Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C. and Seattle, & United Kingdom via Canada.—Per TAMBO M. 14th Dec. 3 p.m.

Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 14th Dec. 3 p.m.

(Europe via Siberia, Shanghai Br. P.O. Saturday, 18th Dec.)

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 14th Dec. 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 15th Dec.

Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 15th Dec. 11 a.m.

Foochow via Shanghai—Per KWONGSANG, 15th Dec. 5 p.m.

THURSDAY 16th Dec

Straits, Ceylon, Port Said, Marseilles & London—Per KAMO M., 16th Dec. 11 a.m.

American & Canadian Mails.—Philippine Is. Japan via Moji, U.S., South America, B.C. and Vancouver & United Kingdom via Canada.—Per CANADA MARU, 16th Dec., 1 p.m.

English Mail.—Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe. The parcel mail will be closed on Wednesday, 15th Dec. at 5 p.m.—Per NAMUR, 16th Dec. Registration 1.15 p.m. Letters 2 p.m.

Shanghai & North China.—Per SINKIANG, 16th Dec. 2 p.m.

(Europe via Siberia, Shanghai Br. P.O. Monday, 20th Dec.)

FRIDAY, 17th Dec.

Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 17th Dec. 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIMUN, 17th Dec. 1 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

13th Dec. to 19th Dec., 1915.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height in feet	Low Water Hongkong Mean Time	Height in feet
		h. m.	ft. in	h. m.	ft. in
Mon.	13	m 2 30	6 6	m 8 17	2 8
Tues.	14	m 2 57	5 6	m 7 37	6 4
Wed.	15	m 3 30	5 9	m 9 35	8 3
Thurs.	16	m 4 14	5 4	m 10 52	9 1
Fri.	17	m 5 10	5 4	m 11 50	9 3
Sat.	18	m 6 20	5 8	m 12 42	9 3
Sun.	19	m 7 53	6 5	m 1 33	8 8
		m 8 52	7 3	m 2 22	7 11

m morning. a afternoon.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Nikko Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,075, Takeda, 12th Dec.—Manila, 9th ult. Gen.—N.Y.K.

Yahido Maru, Jap. s.s. 1,631, T. Noda, 12th Dec.—Miike, 6th Dec. Coal—M.B.K.

Manapouri, Br. s.s. 1,223, Wm. Stalker, 12th Dec.—Singapore, 4th Dec. Gen.—Order.

Taming, Br. s.s. 1,361, Pennefather, 12th Dec.—Manila, 9th Dec. Gen.—B. & S.

Wimbledon, Br. s.s. 2,436, John Cantell, Dec.—Chingwantao, 5th Dec.—D. & Co.

Nebessen Maru, 1,400, S. Sumida, 11th Dec.—Rojang, 4th Dec. Timber—D. & Co.

Sinkiang, Br. s.s. 1,610, C. Williams, 12th Dec.—Shanghai, 9th Dec Gen.—B. & S.

Hanoi, Fr. s.s. 722, F. Morvan, 13th Dec.—Haiphong, 11th Dec., Gen.—A. R. Marty.

Chunsang, Br. s.s. J. Mattock, 13th Dec.—Haiphong, Rice—J. M. & Co.

Tabarg, Br. s.s. 977, Matthews, 13th Dec.—Haiphong, 12th Dec. Gen.—J. M. & Co.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 11.

Diva for Haiphong
Tjisondari for Soerabaya
Kumchow for Saigon
Haichiang for Foochow via Swatow
Yusang for Canton
Kwangsang for Canton
S. V. Daylight for New York
Chisan Maru for Haiphong.
Polynesien for Marseilles via Saigon
Shinyo Maru for Moji
Yuensang for Manila
Sungkiang for Haiphong via Haihow
Kumsang for Kobe

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec 11.

Hanyang for Hongay
Chefu Maru for Haiphong
Wingsang for Shanghai via Swatow
Taiyuen for Melbourne via Manila
Apping for Canton
Chenan for Shanghai
Chosen Maru for Takao
Daijin Maru for Tamsui via Swatow
Hongkong for Rangoon via Swatow
Antui for Canton
Phsompenh for Saigon
Heiyo Maru for Kobe
Hailan for Haibow

Dec. 13.

Kaifong Maru for Vancouver.
S. V. Dagmeltan for New York
Vulcanus for Canton
Myogisan Maru for Canton

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. Taming from Manila—Shey.

Per ss. Nikko Maru from Manila—J Foster, Miss F Craig, Mrs E Murray, R Eechan, H James, S Hart, Mr & Mrs L A Stemmons, Col J Wolfson, E N Sowers.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on the 1st Dec., 1915.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1914.	1915.
Tytam	5ft. 6in. Above overflow	1ft. 3in. Below overflow
Tytam Byewash	5ft. 3in. Below overflow	2ft. 3in. Below overflow
Tytam Intermediate	5ft. 6in. Above overflow	2ft. 3in. Above overflow
Pokfulam	5ft. 4in. Above overflow	6ft. 0in. Below overflow
Wong-nai-chung	5ft. 3in. Below overflow	11ft. 8in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMAL OF GALLONS.

	1914.	1915
Tytam	407.00	375.00
Tytam Byewash	20.62	8.12
Tytam Intermediate	218.40	209.51
Pokfulam	88.92	35.90
Wong-nai-chung	37.71	32.15
Total	774.65	654.96

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Nov. 1915.

	1914	1915
Consumption	154.84	113.10 m. gallons
Estimated population	270,210	282,849
Consumption per head per day	19.5	14.0 gallons

Constant supply in all districts during November 1915. Service to houses in Rider Main districts disconnected from Rider Mains and supply given by public street fountains only during November 1915.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1914	1915
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	Level with overflow	11ft. 6in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS

	1914	1915
Kowloon Gravitation	352.50	337.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and Decimals of Gallons During the month of Nov. 1915.

	1914	1915
Consumption	32.51	34.07 m. gallons
Estimated population	95,690	97,250
Consumption per head per day	11.4	11.8 gallons

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department. WCHATHAM. Water Authority

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On date at 8 a.m.	On date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.96	29.99	29.96
Temperature	67	65	69
Humidity	74	80	72
Wind Direction	W		WSW
" Force	2	0	2
Weather	0	0	—
Rain	—	—	—

Highest open air temperature on the 12th 68
Lowest " " " " " 64

H.K. Observatory, 13th December.
T. F. CLAXTON, Director

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 12.23.—The anticyclone has broken up. Depressions have formed over S. Manchuria and to the north of Hokkaido.

The typhoon has filled up; but pressure remains low over the Philippines.

Pressure has decreased moderately over the Loochoos, and slightly along the south-east coast of China and over Formosa.

The monsoon will probably freshen along the east coast of China to-morrow.

Moderate monsoon may be expected over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong and Neighbourhood.	North winds, moderate; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, freshening later.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 13th December, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Winds Direction.	Winds Force.	Weather.
Wostock	7a				ene	1	
Nemuro	6a	29.67			w	3	
Hakodate	"	29.69			w	3	
Tokio	"	29.91			nw	1	
Kochi	"	29.85			wnw	1	
Nagasaki	"	29.99			nw	1	
Kagoshima	"	29.94			wnw	1	
Oshima	"	29.93			nw	1	
Naha	"	29.87			ne	2	
Ishi'jima	"	29.84			nne	4	
Bonin Is.	"	29.93			w	1	
Chefoo	"						
Whaiwei	"	29.82	42	83	sw	4	b
Hankow	"						
Ichang	"						
Kinkiang	"						
Changsha	"						
Shanghai	"	30.09	50	100	nnw	1	bf
Gutslaff	"	30.10	46	100	nne	1	b
Sharp P.	"	29.94	60	98	n	1	b
Amoy	9a	29.96	63	93	ne	1	c
Swatow	6	29.93	64	89	nw	1	c
Taiohoku	5a	29.89	65	94	e	3	o
Taishu	"	29.94	64			0	o
Tainan	"	29.81	64		n	3	o
Koshun	"	29.82	66			0	b
P'dores	"						
Canton	6a	29.98	54	80	nnw	2	b
H'kong	"	29.93	65	80		0	o
Gap Rock	"						
Macao	"	29.93	61	91	nne	1	o
Wuchow	9a	30.07	55	87	n	1	f
Pakhoi	"						
Hoihow	"						
Phulien	6a	29.99	61	83	n	1	bf
Tourane	"	29.91	68		nnw	5	o
C. St. J.	"	29.84	73			0	b
Aparri	"						
Dagupan	"	29.72	73	96		0	o
Manila	"	29.74	77	92		0	o
Legaspi	"	29.73	73	96		0	b
Tacloban	"						
Iloilo	"	29.74	73	96	w	1	o
Surigao	"						
Lapoan	"	29.79	78	91	nw	5	b

RADIO—TELEGRAMS.

Hanuki M.	6					
Hokoku M.	"					
Nikko M.	"	29.90	69		nne	2 bc

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, December 13.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

State of Weather. b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths

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Lat. 23.11 N. " 117.15 E.
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